

A Litany of Thanks in a Pandemic

Almighty and Ever-Present God,

As we approach the one-year mark for the beginning of the spread of Covid-19 into every nation on earth, we are overwhelmed with the loss of human life, the devastation to people's livelihoods, the wreckage to national economies, and the personal suffering due to the stress and trauma endured by individuals and families as they try to cope with everything that has upended daily life.

For all these things, Lord, we continue to pray for comfort, strength, endurance, healing, and the restoration of individuals, families, communities, and our nation as a whole.

We are also mindful of all the ways we can be grateful for your presence and involvement in all these things, and thankful for demonstrations of selflessness, sacrifice, and service by so many:

- For paramedics, nurses, doctors, technicians, and caregivers on the front lines of caring for patients with the virus, many for whom it was at the cost of their own lives...
- **For volunteers in food banks, on long distribution lines, in vans delivering good to the homeless and all those who have been economically impacted**
- For those standing by windows on cell phones to accompany loved ones as they lie dying...
- **For scientists, researchers, and lab technicians working tirelessly for treatments, vaccines, and cures for this disease...**
- For school administrators and teachers who are working to continue the education of our youth as seamlessly as possible...
- **For world and local leaders, who make hard decisions to protect their people and experience heartache in the process...**
- For parents who are shouldering almost impossible loads juggling work, parenting, teaching, tutoring, homemaking, self-care, and all the other variables required...
- **For all the restaurant owners, cooks, and others donating food to hospital personnel, and serving customers looking for bits of relief and normalcy in these times...**
- For custodial, maintenance and cleaning staff who work endless hours to disinfect and sanitize our buildings. for all those sheltering in place because of their love and concern for loved ones, neighbors, and strangers.
- **For all those facilitating peace in troubled homes, neighbors, villages, cities, and nations.**
- For the technology that allows us to stay informed and connected - even when we are encouraged to maintain social distance...
- **For those praying night and day for our world – for nations, peoples, and all who, and what is being damaged on this earth...**
- For the thousand acts of kindness being done by ordinary people...
- **For these and so much more...**

...WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

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John 17:1-5,13-18

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed...

¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them ¹⁸in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Let all things now living/A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator/Triumphantly raise

Who fashioned and made us/Protected and stayed us
Who still guides us on/To the end of our days

God's banners are o'er us/His light goes before us
A pillar of fire/Shining forth in the night

Till shadows have vanished/And darkness is banished
As forward we travel/From light into light

2.His law He enforces/The stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit obediently shine/The hills and the mountains

The rivers and fountains/The deeps of the ocean
Proclaim Him divine/We too should be voicing

Our love and rejoicing/With glad adoration
A song let us raise/Till all things now living

Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest
Hosanna and praise

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Come ye thankful people come/Raise the song of harvest-home
All is safely gathered in/Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide/For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple come/Raise the song of harvest-home

2.All the world is God's own field/Fruit unto His praise to yield
Wheat and tares together sown/Unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear/Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest grant that we/Wholesome grain and pure may be

3.For the Lord our God shall come/And shall take His harvest home
From His field shall in that day/All offenses purge away
Give His angels charge at last/In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store/In His garner evermore

4.Even so Lord quickly come/To Thy final harvest-home
Gather Thou Thy people in/Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified/In Thy presence to abide

Come with all Thine angels come/Raise the glorious harvest-home

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God/With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done/In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms/Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love/And still is ours today

2.O may this bounteous God/Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts/And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace/And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills/In this world and the next

3.All praise and thanks to God/The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns/With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God/Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now/And shall be evermore

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth/For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth/Over and around us lies

Chorus
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

2.For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

3.For the joy of ear and eye
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight

4.For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild