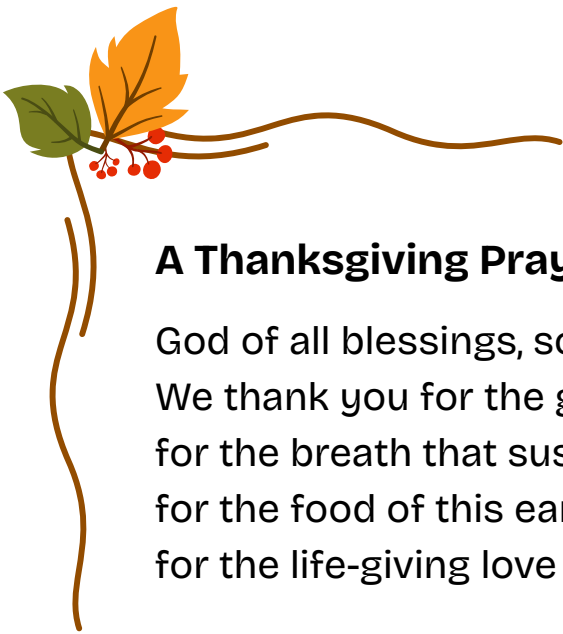




A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,

for the food of this earth that nurtures life,

for the life-giving love of family and friends.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,

for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings.

We thank you for the communities to which we belong:

for families, for friends,

for neighbors and for companions at work.

We thank you for the strangers who welcome us into their lives and

whom we invite to be part of ours.

We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all

nations and all faiths.

We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of creation and to serve others in your name.

We thank you for this day, for the companionship we share and the

bountiful goodness of the bread we break together.

God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us as we gather together, and your promise to be with us now and always.

AMEN.