

## 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 us, for the food of this earth which sustains us, for the life giving love of family and friends.

We thank you for the mystery of creation, for the beauty of the earth that we can see and for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings. We thank you for the community to which we belong.

We thank you for families, friends, and all who make life special and meaningful; for neighbours and companions at work.

For the Society of St. Vincent de Paul who reach out to their parish and community families, bringing food, companionship, love and the gift of their time. We thank you for strangers who welcome us into their homes and their space, and whom we invite into ours.

We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, nations and faiths. We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to be stewards 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 our country Canada.

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

Amen.

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