

NOVEMBER 24, 2016 — THANKSGIVING (U.S.)

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, Word of God: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, Source of healing and forgiveness: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Fulfillment of God's promise: Lord, have mercy.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: On this Thanksgiving Day, let us offer our prayers of gratitude for the blessings of this life as we pray ... *We give you thanks, O God.*

Lector: For the peace that is all around us: for those who settle their differences without violence; for those who forgive and seek forgiveness; for those who live humble, pleasant, productive lives ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

For the justice that is all around us: for employers who pay a fair wage; for employees who are diligent and hardworking; for those who keep their promises ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

For the faith that is all around us: for those models of holiness who inspire us and lift us up and make us want to be better human beings ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

For the love that is all around us: for those who loved us into being; for our families and good friends; for those you put on our path to love today ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

For the beauty that is all around us: for this good land; for music and art and architecture that lifts the spirit; for our homes and those small things that delight us ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

For the joy that is all around us: for the companionship of families and friends; for the happiness of little children; for good food and good humor and time to be together ... we pray, *We give you thanks, O God.*

Presider: Gracious and generous God, we give you thanks this day for all the blessings of this life as we dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.