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6 BLESSINGS OF THE MONTH

Blessings

A Thanksgiving Day Grace _____

Opening Prayer

Leader 1:

Let us pray. Most merciful Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On this Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness: open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts of loving service with all your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Word of God

Leader 2:

As [Jesus] was entering a village, ten lepers met [him]. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Lk 17:12-19

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Responsorial Psalm

(cf. Ps 136:1-3, 24-26)

R For his love endures for ever.

Leader 3:

Praise the Lord, who is so good. *R*

Praise the God of gods. *R*

Praise the Lord of lords. *R*

He freed us from our foes. *R*

And gives food to all flesh. *R*

Praise the God of heaven. *R*

Litany of Thanksgiving

R We thank you, O Lord.

Leader 1:

This is a day to thank God for all his many blessings in our lives. With gratitude we now say: For the love of God, for faith, family, and friends: *R*

Leader 2:

For joys, successes, achievements, and accomplishments: *R*

Leader 3:

For health, safety, work, and rest: *R*

Leader 1:

For struggles, sorrows, trials, and sufferings: *R*

Leader 2:

For our jobs, for those who support us, for our education, and for the chance to serve: *R*

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Leader 3:

For our gifts, talents, and abilities, for honors, for strength and energy: *R*

Leader 1:

For our homes, for food, warmth, and shelter, for all the things that have made us happy: *R*

Leader 2:

For our hobbies and pets, for happy memories, for our favorite things, for leisure and relaxation: *R*

Leader 3:

For our nation, for freedom and peace, for teachers, leaders, and those who give us good example: *R*

Leader 1:

For the ability to say “I’m sorry,” for the grace of repentance, for the forgiveness of others, for the generosity of others: *R*

Leader 2:

For good advice, for financial security, for the trust others put in us, for tenderness, understanding, and compassion: *R*

Leader 3:

For kindness, goodness, joy, and laughter, for the times we have helped others or made them happy: *R*

Leader 1:

For all the wonders of creation, for beauty, music, sports, and art, for new opportunities and second chances: *R*

Leader 2:

For failures and rejection, for all the ways we have grown up and become better people: *R*

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Leader 3:

For renewed hope and fulfilled dreams, for the providence and protection of heaven: *R*

Leader 1:

For the gift of life: *R*

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we give you thanks, not only with the lips and heart, which often comes to little, but with the spirit, with which we speak to you, question you, love you, and recognize you. You are our all, and everything is in you. In you we live, and move, and have our being. You are our father, our brother, our all; and to those who love you, you have promised such things as no one has ever seen or thought of, no one ever enjoyed. Make the gift of these things to your humble faithful; you who are God, true and good, and there is no other besides you. You are the true God, the true Son of God, to whom be honor and glory and majesty in eternity and for all ages to come. Amen.

(Gallican Formularies, Hymns to Christ)

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Blessings for the Table

GRACE BEFORE THE MEAL:

Loving Father,
we thank you for your countless blessings,
especially for the gift of your Son,
for the Church, for our faith, and now for this meal.
Bless this food and the love that unites us.
Keep us for ever grateful and generous in your service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R Amen.