

As October gives way to November, and as our stewardship concerns give way to thanksgiving, my mind turns to my favorite prayers in the Book of Common Prayer. Here is my adaptation of those prayers. I encourage you to pray this prayer each day of November through Thanksgiving Day! The original verbiage may be found on pages 836 and 837.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

We thank you for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

For all those who seek to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with You.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen