

THANKSGIVINGS



Upon the National Thanksgiving Day

MOST high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by whom our nation hath been established in freedom and preserved in union; We thank and praise thee for thy favor shown unto our fathers, and thy faithfulness continued unto their children; For the rich land given us for an inheritance, for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful Providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And we humbly pray that, enjoying thy gifts in contentment, we may be enabled by thy grace to use them to thy praise. Especially we thank thee for thy great love in sending thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of our sins into fellowship with him. And we beseech thee to grant us always thy Holy Spirit, through whom we may grow continually in thankfulness toward thee, as also into the likeness of thy Son Jesus Christ our LORD; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*For Peace, and Deliverance from our
Enemies*

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield thee praise and thanksgiving, for our deliverance from

those great and imminent dangers wherewith we were compassed. We acknowledge it is of thy goodness that we were not delivered as a prey unto them; and we beseech thee still to continue thy mercies toward us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For a Recovery from Sickness

O GOD, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name, that thou has been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* thy servant, who now *desires* to return thanks unto thee, in the presence of all thy people. Gracious art thou, O LORD, and full of compassion to the children of men: May *his heart* be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For a Safe Return from a Voyage or Journey

MOST gracious LORD, whose mercy is over all thy works; We praise thy holy Name that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep (*or*, of the land; *or*, of the air), *this* thy servant (*N*), who now *desires* to return *his* thanks unto thee, in thy holy Church. May *he* be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express *his* thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For Deliverance from Peril

O GOD, merciful Father, we praise thee in that thou hast heard us in the hour of distress, and art become our salvation. Thou art a God full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy. We are alive to praise thee this day, not for our worthiness, but because of thy great mercies. When we were in distress, thou didst help us; when trouble was hard upon us, and our strength failed, thine almighty arm was our defence. Accept our thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For Rain

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose gracious Providence the former and the latter rain descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; We give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee to send us rain, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For Fair Weather

O LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late visitation of us with immoderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; We praise and glorify thy holy Name, for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For Plenty

O MOST merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty; We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

For the Increase of the Ministry

ALMIGHTY God, who dost look mercifully upon the world which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son; and, by thy Holy Spirit, hast inclined the *hearts* of thy *servants* to dedicate *themselves* to the sacred Ministry of thy Church; We yield thee humble thanks that thou hast vouchsafed to answer our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

