

# Pastoral Prayer – We Come with Thankfulness

Holy and healing God,

we come before you this morning with thankfulness  
for all you have done for us this week:

for walking with us when we were scared,  
for phone calls from friends when we felt lonely,  
for good food and the promise of spring.

Thank you for the church:

for this building where we can gather to worship,  
for these people with whom we can worship.

Most of all we thank you for Jesus Christ,  
and for the love that carries us from day to day.

We take a moment to pray for those sitting around us:  
in front, behind, beside us.

*(pause)*

We bring before you our prayers for ourselves and those we love.

*(extemporaneous prayer)*

We bring before you our prayers for our neighbors and communities where we live.

*(extemporaneous prayer)*

We bring before you our prayers for our country and for our world.

*(extemporaneous prayer)*

We come before you as a church, as a people, as a community  
and gather all our prayers together to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

***Our Father...***

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