

Grateful Hearts Give Thanks

Philippians 1:3-11

October 17, 2021

Next Steps

OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal God, we give thanks to you, we call upon your name. We sing to you, we sing praise to you, telling of all your wonderful acts. We give glory to your holy name. Our hearts rejoice as we seek you. We look to you as our strength. We remember all the wonder you have done for us. In your presence we worship you and seek your face. Amen. —*Based on Psalm 105:1-6.*

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the sermon this week?
- Where did you see God this week?
- Describe your best Thanksgiving memory

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Philippians 1:3-11.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?

NEXT STEPS:

- Commit to the gratitude jar or social media post of gratitude for every day until thanksgiving.
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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

O God of a Thousand Faces, who sees through all our pretenses to that silent, secret space where our true spirit sojourns, prune away the duplicities that mask our best intentions and all those quick defenses that disguise who we really are. Open us up to you and to all who would touch the truth of our being, so all may see the integrity of lives given over to you, now and forever. Amen. —Miriam Therese Winter, in *Chalice Hymnal* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1995), 597.