

## We Remember and Give Thanks

Lord, we have come to experience your love in many ways. But most of all, we thank you for the love that is poured on us by our parents. How are we to show our thanks for their lifetime commitment to us?

**All: We remember and give thanks!**

Mom . . . Dad . . . Where can we begin? The list of gifts received reaches so far back in time. We thank you for your constant love and support, your friendship and comfort, for sharing our happiness and joy along with our pain and sorrow.

**All: We remember and give thanks!**

For all the times you wait and worry about us . . . in cars and buses, on trips . . . For your constant kindnesses to us, your boundless generosity—"You can have whatever we have," you say so often, and we take you at your word.

**All: We remember and give thanks!**

For all the simple things you do—all that goes unnoticed, so easily overlooked. The power of meals in our lives, the gathering of family and friends for food and drink and presence. For all the days you make so special—birthdays, Christmas, Easter, First Communion, graduation. For all the times you've come—no matter how busy or tired—to plays, recitals, games, to school events . . . the list is endless.

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You were always there to listen and heal our broken world and fractured personalities. We experience your gentle touch in words, in silence, in a hug or an embrace.

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For all the continuous interruptions in your lives—the constant barging in—the comings and goings, always on the phone—the thousand cries for help. For all these ways that come with love and always flow so naturally.

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You have gifted us in so many ways. And through it all—the tears, the love, the laughter and the doubt—one thing we always know and count on—your faithfulness to God, each other, and to us.

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What better way than gathering now, together breaking bread in thanksgiving for the gift you are to us. We have felt God's loving touch because of you.

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Let our journey follow in your footsteps so that our faithfulness to God and our family can be patterned after yours. Joined in gift and memory we shout aloud our heartfelt thanks by sharing yet another gift—this meal, this Eucharist!

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