

## THANKSGIVING

### INTRODUCTION:

The great American tradition of our country is to count our blessings on the third week of November. In recognition of our country's greatness, RELIG takes a vital role in the tradition, by thinking and thanking. We reflect on our own personal gifts, and thank God for them. He is truly good to us.

SONG: ALL GOOD GIFTS (attached)

READING: The American tradition of giving thanks is expressed in Scripture in many ways. St. Peter writes in his letters that the faith we've received is the primary reason for giving thanks.

1 Peter: 3-7.

RELIG candle is lit, and a discussion on the reading follows.

PETITIONS: (Please respond, "We thank you, Lord.")

- For your love, Lord Jesus, in saving us from harm....
- For the love of our country and its leaders....
- For the love of our parents, relatives, and friends....
- For the talents you've given to me....
- For the good food to sustain me....
- For the help from teachers and counselors....
- For the concern and friendship of RELIG....

(Please pause a moment in silence to add any personal petitions)

For these we say....

PRAYER: "Our Father, who art in heaven, ...."

CLOSING: As a personal commitment to Jesus and our fellow RELIG members, we pledge to do something positive as an expression of my gratitude to Jesus, Our Lord and Brother.

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We plow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land.  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain.  
The seasons and the sunshine,  
And soft refreshing rain.

CHORUS:

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord, thank the Lord  
For all His love.

We thank thee then O Father  
For all things right and good  
The seed time and the harvest  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all thy love imparts.  
But that which thou desireth  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

REPEAT CHORUS....