

A Prayer of Thanksgiving: Grateful for the Giver

Lord, as I participate in the all-too-consuming activities that require my attention today, I pray that I would not lose sight of You.

Give me this day a heart of gratitude.

Give me a heart of gratitude which looks beyond my appreciation

for things,

for comfort,

for peace,

for prosperity.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is ever and always

thankful for the Giver

thankful for the One who has provided

thankful for the One who, unlike His gifts, will never fade away.

Give me a heart of gratitude which refuses

to surrender to frivolous complaint,

to seek more than you have given,

to succumb to the annoyances and frustrations of this world.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is so filled with thanksgiving that worry and concern have no room.

Give me a heart of gratitude which remembers you as the present Giver who is my refuge and my portion.

Give me a heart of gratitude which cries out thanksgiving and praise even in the midst of anguish, pain, and frustration.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is capable of love, hope, and peace despite the tensions, hurts, and foolishness of this world.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is ever and always Yours. Amen.