

**Universal Prayer**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
**November 22**

We pray that all members of the Church will remain dedicated to living a life of ceaseless prayer and gratitude, recognizing God's grace and abundance in all things.

As American Catholics gather to celebrate this day, we pray that the Church's voice in this great nation will continue to be a strong presence of the Message of Jesus Christ, in the midst of our secular culture.

We pray that all peoples of the world will truly recognize God's creation as a gift – caring for it generously, and sharing equally in its abundant fruits.

We pray for the poor and the hungry, the grieving and troubled, and the abused and addicted. May we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit to reach out to them with the compassion of Christ.

We pray in gratitude for the first responders and all other public service workers who will spend today away from their loved ones caring for others.

We pray for those who are struggling to celebrate this holiday because of family conflict, divorce, separation by distance, or grief from the death of a loved one. May the Holy Spirit fill their homes and hearts with comfort, love, and peace during this difficult time.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, will rest in peace, especially for those written in our book of the dead and whose pictures are placed in the devotional shrines.

...and for **Mary Picchietti – Curt Britt – and Russell Thoman, Sr.**  
who are remembered in this Mass.