

**Universal Prayer
Thanksgiving Day
November 23**

We pray for all members of the Church: that we will remain dedicated to living lives of ceaseless prayer and gratitude, recognizing God's grace and abundance in all things. **We pray to the Lord.**

As American Catholics gather to celebrate this day, we pray for our country: that, in the midst of our overly secular culture, the Church's voice will continue to be a strong presence of the Message of Jesus Christ. **We pray to the Lord.**

We pray for greater reverence of creation: that all peoples of the world will view God's creation as a gift – caring for it generously and sharing equally in its abundant fruits. **We pray to the Lord.**

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 to the Lord.**

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

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

We pray for the faithful departed, especially our loved ones whose places will remain empty at our dinner tables today: that this Holy Sacrifice will accompany them on their journey to the Heavenly City

...and for those whose names are written in our Book of the Dead, and whose pictures are placed in our devotional shrines...

...and for Russell Thomas, Sr.
& Liwanag & Gonzolo Roman
for whom this Mass is offered.

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