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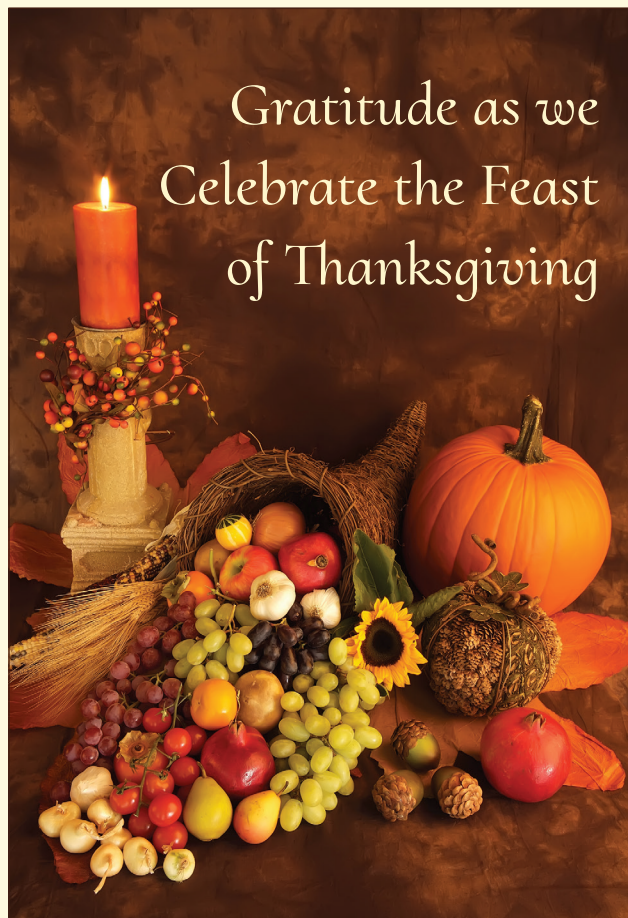
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Crowded With Gratitude

Lord God,

Our hearts are crowded with gratitude
as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.

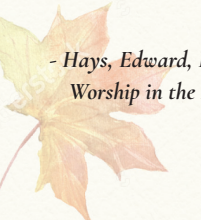
We have come to this our feasting table
with great joy and eagerness,
for we are truly grateful to you, our God,
for all that we have been given.

We pause now and, in silent prayer,
do thank you for the great generosity of Your gifts.

We also thank one another for gifts -
especially for the gifts of love and affection
that we have freely shared.

We are thankful
for all who are present at this our feast
as well as for all those who have labored in love
in order to bring this dinner to our table.

May You, our God, bless this Thanksgiving feast
and all of us who shall share it
in your holy name.



- Hays, Edward, *Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for
Worship in the Home* (Kansas: Forest of Peace Books, 1979), 122



Thanksgiving

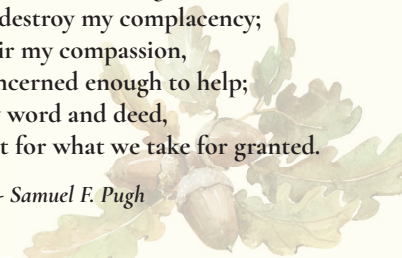
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Remembering Others

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.



- Samuel F. Pugh