

Thanksgiving Prayers



Troparion, Thanksgiving – Tone 4

We Thine unworthy servants, O Lord,
grateful for the blessings Thou hast given unto us,
always praise, bless, and thankfully glorify Thy loving-kindness,
crying with love and humble submissiveness:
O Savior and Benefactor, glory to thee.

verse: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

Kontakion, Thanksgiving – Tone 3

Freely Thou dost grant us rich blessings, O Master,
though we are unprofitable servants,
in all our needs we run to Thee;
Thou dost shower us with many gifts!
Now we thank Thee with all our heart.
We glorify Thee, our Creator and Defender!
We cry to Thee from the depths of our soul:
Glory to thee, O God, most bountiful!

verse: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Theotokion, Thanksgiving – Tone 3

O Mother of God, help of Christians,
thou hast favored us with thy protection!
We thy servants gratefully cry out to thee:
Rejoice! O Most Pure Virgin, Theotokos!
By thy prayers deliver us from every calamity,
for thou art a speedy helper in times of trouble.

Prayer of Thanksgiving – from the Moleben of Thanksgiving

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the God of all mercies and bounties,
whose mercy cannot be measured;
and whose love for man is an unfathomable deep;
with fear and trembling, we fall down in adoration before Thy majesty,
unprofitable servants that we are.
We humbly thank Thee for the blessings Thou hast given Thy holy Church,
to this nation, this parish, and all of us Thy servants.
We glorify Thee, we praise Thee, we sing to Thee,
our Lord and Master and Defender;
we fall down before Thee and beg Thy boundless mercy,
As Thou hast graciously received Thy servants' prayers and granted them,
so also deliver Thy Church and preserve this nation, this parish,
and all of us Thy servants from every hostile assault.
Grant us peace and tranquility,
that Thy faithful people may grow in virtue and love for Thee,
and may partake of all Thy benefits,
and so we will always offer thanksgiving to Thee,
together with Thine Unoriginate Father,
and Thy most holy, and good and life-giving Spirit,
God glorified in three persons; and will joyfully sing to Thee.
Glory to Thee, O God our Savior, unto ages of ages. Amen.

II. Prayers at Meal Time

Before a meal

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Or :

THE eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord,
and thou givest them their food in due season;
thou openest thy hand
and fillest all things living with plenteousness. - *Psalm 144 [145]: 15 - 16*

Then : Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Bless!

O Christ our God, bless the food and drink of Thy servants, for Thou art holy always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

After a meal –

Troparion, Tone 8

**WE thank thee, O Christ our God,
that thou hast satisfied us with thy earthly blessings;
deprive us not of thy heavenly Kingdom;
but, as thou camest in the midst of thy disciples, O Savior,
and gavest them peace,
so come to us and save us.**

Or :

GLORY to thee, O Lord, glory to thee. Glory to thee, O holy King, that thou hast given us our food to our gladdening; fill us also with thy Holy Spirit, that we may appear before thee well-pleasing and without reproach, for thou hast distributed to each according to his need.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Bless!

God is with us through His Grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



A General Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; For unto thee are due all glory, honor, thanksgiving, and worship, together with thine Only-begotten Son, and thine All-holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. – *adated from a prayer of Edward Reynolds.*

The Entry of the Theotokos

When Thanksgiving is on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, or 25th of November, the Feast of the Entry is still being celebrated, we can add the Troparion of the Feast before the meal and the Kontakion after:

Troparion, Entry – Tone 4

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice / and sing to her://
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Kontakion, Entry – Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”