

## Child's Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you God for all that grows,  
Thank you for the sky's rainbows,  
Thank you for the stars that shine,  
Thank you for these friends of mine,  
Thank you for the moon and sun,  
Thank you God for all you've done!

<http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/thanksgiving-prayers/childs-thanksgiving-prayer.htm>

## Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest is all gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.  
Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain.  
So open wide the doorway-  
Thanksgiving comes again!

<http://www.teachingfirst.net/Poems/Thanksgiving.html>

## Holiday Letters

**T** is for turkey on Thanksgiving Day,  
**H** is for "Hurry, I'm hungry!" we say.  
**A** is for Auntie, she works and she mends,  
**N** is for Native American friends.  
**K** is for kitchen, the oven's on low,  
**S** is for silverware, set in a row.  
**G** is for Grandma, the one we love most,  
**I** is for inside, where we're warm as toast.  
**V** is for vegetables, eat them we try,  
**I** is for ice cream on top of the pie.  
**N** is for never do we have enough dressing,  
**G** is for Grandpa, who gives thanks for our blessings.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~homespun/tpoems.html>

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Then write your own Thanksgiving poem.*

### **An Iroquois Prayer for Thanksgiving**

We return thanks to our mother, the earth, which sustains us. We return thanks to the rivers and streams, which supply us with water. We return thanks to all herbs, which furnish medicines for the cure of our diseases. We return thanks to the corn, and to her sisters, the beans and squash, which give us life. We return thanks to the bushes and trees, which provide us with fruit. We return thanks to the wind, which, moving the air, has banished diseases. We return thanks to the moon and the stars, which have given us their light when the sun was gone. We return thanks to our grandfather He-no, .., who has given to us his rain. We return thanks to the sun, that he has looked upon the earth with a beneficent eye. Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit, in whom is embodied all goodness, and who directs all things for the good of his children.

<http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/thanksgiving-prayers/an-iroquois-prayer-for-thanksgiving.htm>

### **The Pilgrims Came**

by Annette Wynne

The Pilgrims came across the sea,  
And never thought of you and me;  
And yet it's very strange the way  
We think of them Thanksgiving Day.  
We tell their story old and true  
Of how they sailed across the blue,  
And found a new land to be free  
And built their homes quite near the sea.  
The people think that they were sad,  
And grave; I'm sure that they were glad --  
They made Thanksgiving Day -- that's fun --  
We thank the Pilgrims every one!

<http://www.thanksgiving-day.org/thanksgiving-day-poems.html>

### **Moravian Blessing**

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be  
And bless these gifts  
Bestowed by Thee.  
And bless our loved ones everywhere,  
And keep them in Your loving care.

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## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

<http://www.thanksgiving-day.org/thanksgiving-day-prayer.html>

## **Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God above,  
Thanks for expressions of His love,  
Seen in the book of nature, grand  
Taught by His love on every hand.

Let us be thankful in our hearts,  
Thankful for all the truth imparts,  
For the religion of our Lord,  
All that is taught us in His word.

Let us be thankful for a land,  
That will for such religion stand;  
One that protects it by the law,  
One that before it stands in awe.

Thankful for all things let us be,  
Though there be woes and misery;  
Lessons they bring us for our good-  
Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,  
Thankful for signs of liberty,  
Thankful for homes, for life and health,  
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones, too,  
Thankful for all things, good and true,  
Thankful for harvest in the fall,  
Thankful to Him who gave it all.

<http://oldpoetry.com/opoem/19289-Lizelia-Augusta-Jenkins-Moorer-Thanksgiving>

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