

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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O God, the Giver of life: we yield You thanks and praise for every season of life.

For the nurturing springtime of birth and childhood: for its times of sweet innocence and wide-eyed discovery; for the gift of play and laughter and tears, and for the endless hope.

For the busy summer of the adult years; for the privilege of creating and nurturing; and for the hard learnings, the joys and sorrows, the pain and fulfillment, which this time always brings.

For the brilliance of the autumn season: for fruitful harvest from past labor; for the sense of new beauty, capacity and opportunity amidst the anxiety of falling leaves.

O God, we give thanks to You for the shorter days of the winter years; the burdens and joys which they bring; for the longer days and nights of remembering loving support from others.

We give thanks to You for all the seasons of life; for increased vision and wisdom with our days; and for high hopes for the next spring and new life in Your eternal presence. Amen.