

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord God, my heart is filled with gratitude! I was in your mind and heart when you began the magnificent universe. You knit me together in my mother's womb and formed all the delicate parts of my body. Before my mother, father, brothers, or sisters touched me, your love held me safe, cared for me, and gave me existence. You ushered me into the faith community through the waters of baptism and welcomed me as friend and lover.

You were present to me as a child, a teen, and into adulthood, inviting and calling me by special signs of love and care. Your love ignited my heart and led me to commit myself in the covenant of marriage. Now, joining with you, I have become a co-creator of new life. Through your power, present in the dark warmth of my womb, I am making bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. I am creating a visible expression of my love for you and my husband. How do I thank you, Lord, for this priceless gift?

Help me, Lord, as I continue our masterpiece. Let me drink in your love in sunrise and in sunset, in gentle breeze, in fertile earth, in stately trees, in the songs of birds, in the melody of symphonies, and in the magnificence of nature. I offer all these in gratitude for the gift of life I carry within me. Allow me to communicate to our new life not only flesh and blood but also an awareness of your tender and abiding love.

AMEN.