

# **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

## **(Based on I Corinthians 12:4-13)**

One: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**All: Let us celebrate the gifts of all for we are one in Christ.**

One: To those who live with disabilities and those who now are able-bodied, God has given gifts to use with joy and thanksgiving.

**All: Let us celebrate the gifts of all for we are one in Christ.**

One: To some is given the gift of wisdom. We celebrate the wisdom of those who each day face the challenge of full participation in the life of the community. We celebrate the wisdom of those who, through imagination and creativity, use the gifts they have been given.

**All: We thank you, O God, for the gift of wisdom.**

One: To some is given the gift of knowledge. We celebrate the knowledge of those who discover new gifts in themselves and in others and of those who learn new skills that enable them to use these gifts.

**All: We thank you, O God, for the gift of knowledge.**

One: To some is given the gift of faith. We celebrate the faith of those who trust in the new life Christ offers and the assurance of God's gracious presence which is freely given to all.

**All: We thank you, O God, for the gift of faith.**

One: To some is given the gift of healing. We celebrate the healing of our community when we welcome all persons and value their gifts.

**All: We thank you, O God, for the gift of healing.**

One: Help us, O God, to accept and treasure the gifts of all. We all have limits and we all have gifts to share. Help us to learn new ways to pray, worship, and serve together. Help us to support each other as we work together for the common good.

**All: Together we are the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God!**

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