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A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.

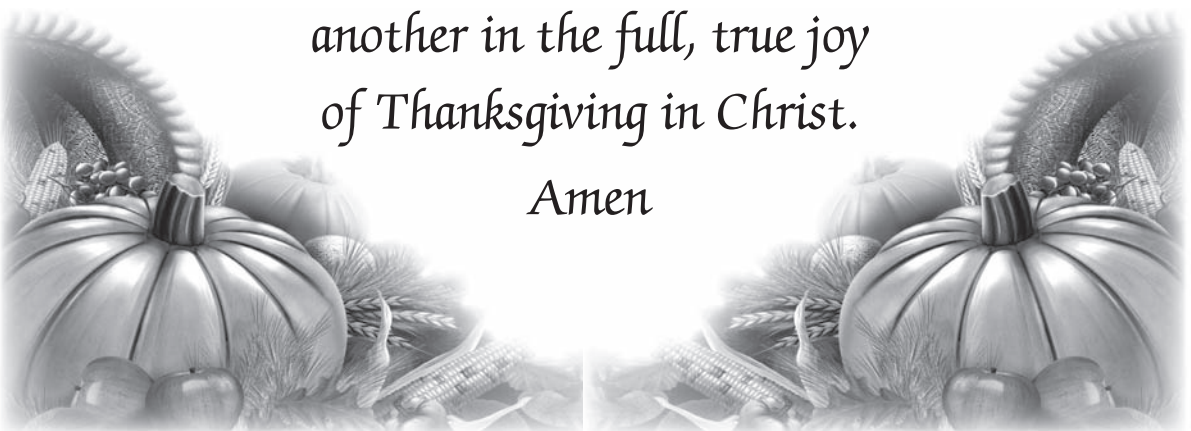
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one

another in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen



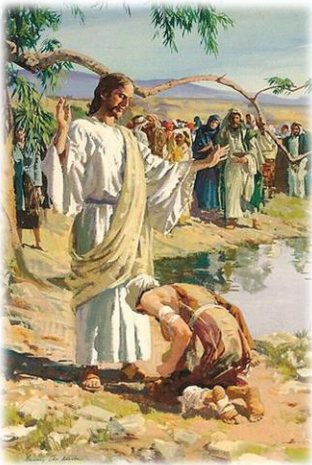
Cultivating Generous Gratitude

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

Luke 17: 11-19

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us.

While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he “prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him.”



The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a

physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

Summary

The one leper who returned and prostrated himself before Jesus shows us the true model of gratitude towards God and neighbour because it required his effort, time and humility. When thanking God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank Him for the abundant gifts He lavishes upon us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you

~ Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

MASS Intentions

Mon.	Oct. 10	12:05 pm	† Mervyn Rocha, requested by William Rocha
Tue.	Oct. 11	12:05 pm	For the good health & intentions of Diane Rauchberger, requested by the Carol Morra
Wed.	Oct. 12	12:05 pm	
Thur.	Oct. 13	12:05 pm	In thanksgiving & intentions of Desiree Tillo on her birthday, requested by Libby & Fred Tillo
Fri.	Oct. 14	12:05 pm	For the healing & intentions of Venilde Ferriera, requested by Angela Cabral
Sat.	Oct. 15	9:00 am	† Lena & Matteo D’Agnello on their anniversary remembrance, requested by D’Agnello family
		5:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun.	Oct. 16	9:00 am	† Mariano & Maximina Luzano, requested by Leo & Virgie Luzano
		11:00 am	† Ailyn B. Malit on her death anniversary, requested by the Briones & Patacsil families

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Give thanks with a grateful heart this Fall. The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul and the Catholic Women’s League (CWL) are organizing a food drive for Thanksgiving weekend. This year we are supporting the Good Shepherd by asking our parishioners to donate non-perishable food items. Items most needed are tomato sauce, soup/stews, mayonnaise, canned vegetables (tomatoes or corn), mustard, jams, chickpeas/beans, breakfast cereals and peanut butter. All other non-perishable food items are welcome. Any donation can go a long way for a family or neighbour in need. Donation bins will be available in the church foyer for the duration of the drive.

NEXT COLLECTION DATE: October 8th & 9th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



To All of Our Parishioners!

Clergy & Staff



BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS Memorial: October 12th

Carlos Acutis was born in London, England on May 3, 1991 but raised in Milan by affluent Italian parents who rarely



practiced their Catholic faith. Carlos was a ‘natural jokester’ who loved the outdoors, playing sports, video games, and had a sweet tooth for Nutella and ice cream.

After his First Communion, Carlos never missed daily Mass and the Rosary as well as Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to confession every week. Often he ‘dragged’ his family members along with him,

leading to his mother’s conversion and return to the practice of the faith because of his witness.

Carlos had a great love for the poor and volunteered helping the homeless and destitute. He defended his friends who were bullied at school for their disabilities or were going through difficult family situations like divorce.

At age 11, he began using his considerable computer skills to build websites cataloging approved Eucharistic Miracles and Marian Apparitions around the world. After his death from leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, a travelling photo exhibit of Eucharistic miracles began circulating in five continents and tens of thousands of parishes around the world

PRAYER: O, God, our Father, we thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with your son Jesus, making the Eucharist his “highway to heaven”. You gave him Mary, as a beloved mother, and you made him through the rosary, a cantor of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need [*mention the intention*]. And make our joy full, raising Carlo among the saints of your Church, so that his smile shines again for us to the glory of your name. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.....

PAKISTAN FLOODS

Humanitarian Relief Devastating floods in Pakistan have displaced hundreds of thousands, at one point leaving a third of the country inundated with water. More than 1,500 people have died following record rainfall with 33 million throughout the country affected by this disaster.

Flooding and landslides have destroyed homes, crops, health centres, roads and bridges. There is an elevated risk of the spread of malaria, dengue fever and other diseases. Priorities

include clean water, shelter and health care for those directly affected by this tragic situation.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will channel donations through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada – Development and Peace as well as the Archdiocese of Karachi) to support relief efforts underway. Please note that these organizations are not subject to the government matching funds program.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- **Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief** (Parishes, please gather funds and send one parish cheque to the Development Office, made out to Archdiocese of Toronto – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief)

Please continue to pray for those who have died and been displaced as a result of this tragic situation in Pakistan.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS UPDATE

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

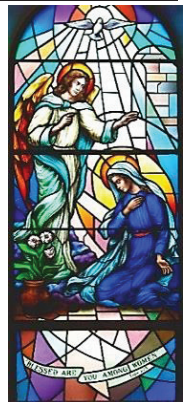
Stained Glass Preservation

We are in the process of preserving the remaining Stained Glass windows of the church.

Please contact the parish office for more information:

- If you are interested in donating to one of the windows for a special intention **or** in memory of a loved one.
- If you would like to make a donation.

**Thank you for supporting the parish
in this project!**





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