***Thanksgiving Day Prayer***

**Calling Out to God…**

*Dear God…Holy One…Listening One…Loving God…Eternal God…mother and father of us all…source of love and life…give ears to our words for to you we pray…*

**We gather together this afternoon to give thanks for all the blessings of our lives. We give thanks for…**

*family and friends…food to eat…difficulties that challenge us…warm homes…fresh air…the world…the sun, moon, stars and clouds…our pets…our teachers…being safe…love…life…God…sisters and brothers…those who serve our country…*

**Help us to be mindful of all those who are less fortunate than ourselves. All those who…**

*do not have food or clean water…are not welcomed… are lonely…are sick…are homeless…live in a broken house…live in a country at war…are frightened…don’t feel safe…*

**May we also be mindful of all those friends and loved ones who are no longer with us, and those who are unable to be with us this day. We remember…**

*grandparents…grandchildren off at school… those who have traveled to be here and need to get home safely… because when we remember them, they are always with us…*

**O God, listen as we lift our thoughts and prayers to you. Bless the food that we are about to eat** (*and the hands that prepared it*)**. Continue to encircle us with your love and care.**

*bless this food to the nourishment of our bodies and this fellowship to the nourishment of our souls…*

**Amen.**