

*Prayer of Gratitude*

Generous God,  
thank you for all you have given to me.  
Help me to use my gifts and talents well,  
for your honor and glory  
and the benefit of all humankind.  
Amen

Holy Wisdom, Kindly Spirit,  
what a blessing you are.  
Thank you for constantly guiding me,  
for moving through my life  
in such a loving and gracious way.  
Amen

Bringer of the Dawn,  
I awake with gratitude for my life.  
May I bring the gift of your goodness  
to all those I meet today.  
Amen

Prayers taken from *Inviting God In: Scriptural Reflections  
and Prayers Throughout the Year.* Joyce Rupp. (2001)

Where two or three are  
gathered...



We Come With Grateful Hearts

*Ordinary Time*

August 30, 2009 – November 22, 2009

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## Introduction:

*Leader:* God, come to our assistance.

*All:* Lord, make haste to help us.

*All:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.


**Reading:** Read aloud the Second Reading for Sunday.

Using the questions on the opposite page that correspond to the Second reading, reflect and share your insights. \*

## Petitions: (optional)

*Leader:* Gathering our prayers into one, let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us. Our Father....

## Blessing:

*Leader:*  (making the sign of the cross)  
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* Amen.

At the conclusion of the meeting, you are invited to pray a prayer of thanksgiving. Use your own prayer or the one the back page of this leaflet.

\* Questions taken from Pilarczyk, D. (2002). *Live Letters: Reflections on the Second Readings of the Sunday Lectionary*. Cincinnati: St. Anthony Messenger Press

## Second Readings:

August 30	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 1:17, 21b-22, 27
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Who are the “unimportant” people that demand our attention?</li><li>What steps do I take to stay “unstained by the world”?</li></ul>	
September 6	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 2:1-5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Whom do I consider important? Why?</li><li>Am I poor? How? How poor?</li></ul>	
September 13	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 2:14-18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What kind of faith do I have?</li><li>What is the source and purpose of my good works?</li></ul>	
September 20	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 3:16-4:3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have I ever experienced the wisdom that brings peace?</li><li>Where do I see selfishness in my own life of faith?</li></ul>	
September 27	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	James 5:1-6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In what way am I rich?</li><li>What use do I make of my riches?</li></ul>	
October 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 2:9-11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How does the humanity of Jesus influence my prayer life?</li><li>What implications does Jesus’ humanity have for my relationships with other people?</li></ul>	
October 11	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 4:12-13
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In what ways do I experience the word of God as a positive force in my life?</li><li>In what ways do I experience the word of God as a challenge or threat in my life?</li></ul>	
October 18	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 4:14-16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How confidently do I approach God?</li><li>How important is my relationship with Christ in my daily existence?</li></ul>	
October 25	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 5:1-6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How do I look on the priests who serve me?</li><li>What can I do to encourage vocations to priesthood?</li></ul>	
November 1	All Saints	1 John 3:1-3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Who are the saints who have played a part in my life?</li><li>In what ways does my sainthood manifest itself?</li></ul>	
November 8	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 9:24-28
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How would my life be different if I never went to Mass?</li><li>In what ways have I experienced Christ as an element of continuity in my life?</li></ul>	
November 15	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What elements of my life can I expect to last forever?</li><li>What have been the most constant elements of my life so far?</li></ul>	
November 22	Feast of the Christ the King	Revelation 1:5-8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For what am I most grateful in this liturgical year that is now ending?</li><li>What do I most look forward to from the final coming of Christ?</li></ul>	