

Happy Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank You, God, for everything...
The big things and the small,
For "every good gift comes from God"...
The Giver of them all.

And all too often we accept
Without any thanks or praise,
The gifts You send as blessings
Each day in many ways.

And so this Thanksgiving time,
We offer up a prayer;
To thank You, God, for giving us
A lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things
That often come our way;
The things we take for granted
And don't mention when we pray.

The unexpected courtesy,
The thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us...
In the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
Of little daily graces,
That come to us with "sweet surprise."
From never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank You for the "miracles"
We are much to blind to see,
And give us new awareness
Of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us to remember
That the "key" to "life" and "living,"
Is to make each prayer a "prayer of thanks,"
And every day THANKSGIVING.

Author—Helen Steiner Rice