

## A Thanksgiving Blessing

Bless us, O Lord...and bless

Those in our family, who cannot be with us,

Those who are caring for the sick and the poor,

Those who are serving this country in the military,

Those who are suffering from COVID-19 either  
at home or in the hospital,

Those who are serving our community as first responders,

And all those who are alone this day.

We give thanks, for these your gifts, which have come to us through  
your bounty...

The gift of life, fragile as it is

The gifts of food and shelter

The gifts of loved ones, whether near or far

The gifts of knowledge and science that grant us hope for a future free  
of this and other disease

The gifts of creation, that remind us of the cycles and beauty of life

And the gift of faith, which compels us to hold fast to the promise that  
you will never leave us alone.

Through and in Christ, our Lord.

Amen.