



*A Prayer of Thanksgiving*  
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As once more we honor the many gifts with which we have been blessed,  
may our thankfulness be deep enough to touch all creation  
in this magnificent universe as it progresses  
to whatever forms it may yet take us.

Despite our grandiose accomplishments, the quadrillion facts, discoveries, cultures, and  
technology have made/gathered,  
we live still and always will in mystery with much of creation.

Who among us think we really know ourselves,  
our God or all the processes in which raindrop, snowflake, lightning  
... all of nature takes form?

We know a little about a lot, but on the scale of that which is most important,  
are we not capable of plumbing even greater depths of love,  
caring and recreating through conscious evolution a world  
in which all life is sacred - a life in which the earthly or heavenly kingdom here  
(as Scripture hopes) and kin-dom mutually enhances the life of all?

Perhaps this Thanksgiving is a time to start with more thankful awareness  
for the myriad background gifts we can so easily take for granted  
... nature's bounty: the grass on which we sit,  
the swirling waters in which we swim, bathe, entertain,  
the grain that waves with the wind as our cars go racing by...  
the everyday little things be it a hot cup of cocoa,  
or the sticky piece of candy offered by a toddler whose smile says I love you.  
May your Thanksgiving eyes see beauty and love anew!