

## A LITANY OF GRATITUDE

**Leader:** We gather together today in the presence of God to remember the many blessings we have been given in our lives. Let us listen to the Word of God, the source of wisdom.

**Scripture Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.**

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,*

*“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*

**(One Minute of Silence)**

**Leader:** Mindful of the generosity of many, the prayers and labor of all in our midst, we offer these petitions to you Lord. Please respond by saying: *To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

We give thanks for the generosity of many in our communities, who everyday share their gifts and talents with others:

*To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

We give thanks for a good harvest, for farmers and those who provide food in our long term care communities:

*To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

We give thanks for the opportunity to come together daily, to learn, share, and grow in a common ministry of peace and love.

*To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

We are mindful of the many lacking adequate food, proper clothing, safety and security around the world. May we give thanks for all those who work for justice in our communities and around the world.

*To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

We give thanks for the leadership of the Benedictine Health System, for the prayers and guidance of the Sisters of St. Scholastica, and the service of all in healthcare ministry this season:

*To you, Lord, we give thanks.*

**Leader:** Lord, we thank you for the bountiful love you show to those who share in our ministry of the Benedictine Health System and to all those dear to us, through your Son, Jesus, both now and forever.

**ALL:** AMEN