

A Communal Psalm of Celebration

Creator,

Wise and Wonderful, Generous One,
creative, wonder-making God,
Creator of beautiful nature,
Great Creator whose majesty fills the skies—

Loving Father, Abba Father,

ever-faithful, loving Provider,
caring, all-seeing God who *really* sees us,
Steadfast and Faithful One
—who loves us deeply—
Sustainer, Helper, Redeemer, Promise Keeper, and Everlasting One—

God of the heartbroken and the joyous

Lover of my soul,
who loves in abundance,

You are...

a waymaker,
the One who sets my path,
the One who knows everything about everyone.

You are...

all goodness and peace,
a hope-giver,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

You are...

welcoming and generous,
wise and wonderful in all your ways,
Sustainer for all circumstances.

We rejoice, Lord,

that you know when we do not....

Praising you for always drawing near, even when we may not see you.

We praise you for being steadfast and true.

We delight in your steadfast love and your unrelenting faithfulness.

Reveling in your joyful creativity in the palette of fall color.

We praise you and thank you for...

the blessings of family:

special time with parents
for keeping us and family healthy
children and grandchildren following in true faith.
special time with my daughter
for new life
for the anticipation of family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas
for safety in traveling and visiting family
for family and friends to celebrate with.

We praise you and thank you for...

the blessings of your creation:

the ability to experience the autumn season
for crisp fall air,
for fall and winter celebrations to anticipate.

We praise you and thank you for...

the blessings of your constant care in all areas of our lives.

Thank you

for walking with us in a time of darkness
for simple blessings that you pour out in abundance each day
for forgiveness
for your provision and healing
for safe, loving relationships.
for the ability to dialogue
for dedicated brothers and sisters around the world sharing your message of love
for a new employee
for new friends
for faithful followers around the world.

We recommit ourselves to you...

Direct our steps, O Lord.

Create in us a steadfast heart.

Keep our eyes on you, Lord.

Give us eyes to see as you see and hearts to love as you love.

May we exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, even during challenges.

Hear, now, our individual prayers of commitment to you:

I commit to sharing your goodness with those around me.

I will praise you all the days of my life and will dwell in your house forever.

We give you our lives and the attitudes that drive us.
May I love others as you love us.
May I listen to your voice and follow it.
May our hearts be attentive to you and our minds and bodies responsive to your leading,
that all whom we encounter will taste and see that you are good.
I will look to you, Lord, for wisdom in difficult situations.

We make these commitments, asking that you help us keep them:

Keep me close and make the desire of my heart to keep you close to me.
May your Spirit help me to depend on you in all I do.
Keep me on the path of love and help me avoid the temptations that try to distract.
May the way you have blessed me spill over as blessings to others.
Give us patience and hope in trying times.

**For your glory and honor—
Amen! and Amen!**