

Dear God: hear our prayer of thanksgiving...

Life just the way it is, frustrations and griefs included

Our families

Our work

Our community and country

Our childhood, even our regrets

Successes and losses

What we've been privileged to see and learn, for our teachers

What you've given for us to know

Our gifts and skills, and our limits in health and looks

What we've been able to contribute and where we seem to have just  
wasted time

For our faith, even if shallow or phony,

We thank you for whatever glimpse of yourself you've given us

We thank you that our name is on Jesus' lips

Thank you that he has numbered us among the few who are disciples.

And thank you for not giving up on us.

For our time in history and the challenges of this day and generation

For our church that our time is limited and that even this gift of  
life comes to an end and we pass into something new of your making.

Lord, just to be here and to be a part of the pageant of life is grace  
beyond our understanding.

And we thank you for all of it...just as it is.

We thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord.