

March 29, 2026

Dear God,

Today, we wish to thank you for your care of us throughout our lives.

Thank you for our families who nurtured us as children and, also, for the families whom we are now privileged to nurture. We thank you, too, for the pets we care for, those with whom we share our love. We remember with thanks and with love the friends who have supported us throughout the various stages of our lives.

Thank you, God, for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. We thank you for our nurses, our doctors, teachers and police. And in Queenston, especially, we thank you for our volunteer firemen. Thank you for the hundreds of volunteers in our church and community who give their time for our wellbeing in countless ways. Thank you for those of our municipal politicians and administrators who sincerely give their time for the public good.

Thank you, God, for our clergy who dedicate their lives to our pastoral care. We thank you, especially, for our Priest, Janet, for her wisdom, her patience and her humour. We thank you for our Bishop, Susan Bell, who will be with us next week, and our Primate, Archbishop Shane Parker.

We also thank you, at this time, for the installation of Archbishop Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury on March 25. Archbishop Sarah is the first woman to hold this office in its 1400-year history. We pray for her, for her strength and compassion in this office.

We pray for those throughout the world who are suffering in countless ways because of war. Please ease their pain and rid the world of this affliction; please give us the will to promote understanding and peace.

We also pray for those in our community who need our prayers because of illness, or homelessness or any other need. Please be with them and give them comfort. As we go out of this church door into another week, let us be aware of all of the support we enjoy. Let us try to be aware, with gratitude, of all those who give us their care and their love.

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