

# Happy Thanksgiving from your Temple Sinai Family!

Though the pandemic has altered so many of our beloved Thanksgiving plans, we still have much for which to give thanks. For the past 9 months we have discovered new ways to connect with one another. So many of you have become “experts” on Zoom and virtual programming! We’ve created on-line classes and programs, concerts, services, events and gatherings with loved ones that have enabled us to maintain our strong bonds of friendship, family, and faith. We have been inspired by countless acts of noble determination and positive spirit which have helped us overcome hardships and disappointments. And so, on this Thanksgiving, whether we are blessed with loved ones across the table or on the computer screen, let us join our voices in expressions of gratitude.

## **A Responsive Prayer for Thanksgiving**

O God, Creator of life, may the celebration of this Thanksgiving lead us to a greater awareness of the blessings we share.

*We give thanks for the bounty and security with which You have blessed our country.*

O God, Creator of life, help us to grow in respect and tolerance for the diverse faiths, races and cultures that enrich our community.

*Deepen our love for our country and our desire to serve it.*

May the United States of America always be a stronghold of peace and its advocate among the nations.

*Awaken in us compassion so that we are not content when others go hungry and lack shelter against the cold.*

Inspire us to share with the poor and the less fortunate so that all Your children will have reason to give thanks.

*Renew in us an appreciation for the gift of life and the preciousness of Your wondrous Creation.*

May God bless and protect you. May God’s grace shine upon you. And May God bless you with peace.

And let us say, “Amen.”

On behalf of the Temple Sinai Staff and Board of Trustees, we wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

*B’vrakhah, With Blessings,*

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