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M: Thank you for providing for, and continuing to bless, all people with the necessities we often don't even consider. Lead us to realize the difference between our needs and wants that we would receive all these gifts with thanksgiving.

C: Give us faithful hearts to realize even the difficulties in our lives serve your eternal purpose.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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Silent prayer.

M: We thank you for blessing us with friends and family who believe in you, with clothing and shoes, with house and home and much more than we deserve.

C: By taking care of our bodily welfare you have blessed us to focus on our spiritual needs with your help. May we use our time and prayers to reflect this. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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