

# Prayer of Thanksgiving for Heaven on Earth

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O GOD, You are the grand source of all life. You are our eternal Father and eternal Mother, constantly guiding us with Your wisdom and protecting us with Your love.

With the warmth of the shimmering rays of sunshine as the manifestation of our Father's love, and with the bosom of Mother Earth as the manifestation of our Mother's love, we have received our life on this earth as children of God from our eternal parents. We are always filled with joy, living as children of God blessed with infinite happiness. To God who is our eternal Father as well as our eternal Mother, we offer our deep, heartfelt gratitude.

O God, guide us today as You have guided us in the past. Guide our future too, with Your wisdom. Guide us eternally so that we will not fall into temptation, and allow us to carry out our holy mission as Your children, undefiled. You dwell in us. As our life within, You constantly sustain us with good health. Your eternal, infinite life is within us. We never become senile, never become weak, never become tired. With constant vitality, Your life is manifested in our body. We are endowed with infinite health. We offer our gratitude to Thee, O God.

As God's children, we constantly enjoy His love to our hearts' content. We know God's love is constantly protecting us—He protects our homes, our families, and our livelihoods. God is our spiritual fortress who will not allow anyone or anything harmful to penetrate His protective shield. We are constantly sheltered by His Love. Our mind is at peace, and no worries perturb our equanimity.

Here and now is the heavenly Pure Land. Under the towering temple of God, our homes line the streets. Our descendents are healthy and prosperous as the brilliant rays of heavenly light shine upon them. Glowing brilliantly, the aura of God's life, wisdom, and love enfolds our families who are suffused with love. No words can describe the gratitude of being alive and sustained. There is no limit to our abundance or our freedom. Everything is in harmony, and no one will infringe on another.

O God, our Father, Mother, the grand source of our life, O infinite wisdom, infinite love, we raise high our voices to offer our adulation and our heartfelt gratitude to Thee. Thank you very much!

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“Recitations of the Truth – Sequel,” pp. 197-200