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For the many blessings You shower upon us,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For life and limb and birds and flowers,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For Church and state and army and peace,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For love and hate and sickness and health,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For poverty and riches, doubt and faith,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For all those little experiences by which we glimpse Your majesty,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For the lives of Saints and for Incarnations of Yourself,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For wisdom and sages, medicine and doctors,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For yogis and statesmen, for humility and truth,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For building and destruction, for death and fertility,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For goats and chickens, Brother Goose and Sister Hen,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For open palms and for the warmth therein,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For sadness and trees, for life and help,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For comfort in affliction and affliction in ease, for life in  
death at the end,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For all that goes by the way, for all that is not used,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For sin and sinners, for evil and the Devil,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For heaven and hell and for Bliss and Truth, for ghosts and goblins,  
for righteousness and love,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For what we haven't got and for what we have,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For what we won't get and for what we will,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For Grace and Truth, for peace and love,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For food and water and for wife and husband,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For the sick, for the well, for the deceased,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For boats and pictures, for trees and parks,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For greed and hatred, for calumny and violence,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For sex and drugs, for wealth and education,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For scholarship and youth and for all egos and ~~all~~ tribulations,  
for all hardships and ~~debts~~ debts,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For treachery and deceit, for impatience and anger, for judgement  
and mercy, for love and dissolution,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For all that pains us, for all that heals us,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For the rich and for the poor,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For the arrogant and for the prideful,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For the just and for the wicked,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

But most of all, Dear Lord! for drawing us to You,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For overcoming our divisions,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For calming our minds and restoring our bodies,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For helping our friends and assisting our enemies,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For coming to us in flesh and cherishing us as a father and mother,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For protecting us from evil that overwhelms our friends and makes them hate us, and for protecting them from the consequences of their ~~own~~ hatred,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For not letting our feet slip into evil and for not letting evil come upon those who would have it come upon us, and for not letting it come upon us,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For drawing men to you, even though they are unworthy,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For preserving the sinner inspite of his sin,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For taking the animals into Your care, to feed and nourish and comfort them,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For protecting the righteous and saving the sinner from his sin against them,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For forgiving even beyond count the sin of the guilty, for cultivating purity in the hearts of the wicked,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For casting off evil without harming the person, for establishing goodness in the middle of Hell,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For giving us strength to withstand temptation, for giving us Grace to cool our minds,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For persecuting the Saints and for upholding them,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For bringing to Truth the perverters of justice,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For assailing evil and upholding Good,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For bringing to You the unrighteous with the righteous, for rewarding by Grace and not only by merit,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For entering our domain and taking our abuse, for turning it aside and making us love You,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

For those who pray ceaselessly, for those who can find only fault inside them, for those who would emulate You in thought, word and deed, for those who stoop to share a beggar's lot, for those who bow to poverty as to a mother, for those who teach by the light of Your wisdom, for those who practice immersion in You, for those who rush to feed the hungry, for those who weep at a poor man's sorrow, for those who sympathize with a rich man's dilemma, for those who cherish animals and plants, for those whose love towards water is pure, for those with love for all the elements, for those whose only thought is Thee,  
We thank You, Dear Lord!

Grace, peace, truth and love surround us now and forever.

For those in peril, anguish and distress,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those to whom little has been given and from whom much is expected,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who will not be comforted,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who trampel the righteous,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who regard not their own welfare,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who speak softly to Your people,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who look after the needy and comfort the afflicted,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who transgress righteousness and Your law, that they may see the Truth,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the humble and contrite in heart may find nourishment and refreshment,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the saints and sages may bless us with wisdom and light,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all ~~men~~ may see the Truth,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the wicked may be healed and the haughty seek humility,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the leaders and rulers You have ordained may flourish in  
peace, righteousness, truth and love,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all peoples may dwell secure from onslaught and ravages,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That triumph may be given to humility and meekness which shall  
not waver,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That You may be loved enough to visit the heart of every person  
and every animal, every plant and every rock,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That each animal may dwell in safety, free from torment and a  
willing sacrifice to You in the day it is consumed,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That each plant may abound and yield flowers, fruits, and seeds  
to Your Glory,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the sea may be calm and yield its harvest of honour to You,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all mating be done in harmony and Bliss, that all offspring  
be dedicated to You, that all growth occur without attachment and  
that death be welcomed as a return to You,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That commerce and industry flourish, that agriculture and crafts  
have success,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That medicine and healing have Your blessing,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That law be firm and that lawyers be just,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That priests, religious, monks, saints, nuns, laity and all  
religious leadership do good and find favor in Your sight,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the weak-hearted become stout, that the faint-hearted have  
courage,  
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all peoples everywhere, and all animals, plants, rocks and winds have happiness, Lord, hear our prayer.

That the good may prosper and the evil be brought to repentance by Your love, Lord, hear our prayer.

That all peoples, animals, plants and rocks have peace, Lord, hear our prayer.

That all creation hum to Thee the primal cry of Om, Lord, hear our prayer.

That angels and saints and those of other worlds who would assist us do, Lord, hear our prayer.

That all peoples, all animals, all plants, all rocks, all airs, and all space may be brought to You, Lord, hear our prayer.

That Yama, the God of Death, may touch none and yet be happy and fulfilled, Lord, hear our prayer.

That all that may be done, can be done and will be done to effect liberation for one and all, is done, Lord, hear our prayer.

That whatever has been left out here by mistake or oversight may be added by You, so that each aspect of the one world, the one race, and the one caste shall be vouched for and ~~sought for~~, redeemed, Lord, hear our prayer.