



Litany in Celebration of the United Thank Offering (UTO)

For over 125 years of ministry, of inviting every Episcopalian to practice gratitude through the United Thank Offering.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For the women of vision who saw a need and solved it.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For the men, women and children who have faithfully fed their Blue Boxes with coins of thanksgiving for over 125 years.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For the grants those coins have funded for compelling human needs and innovative ministries.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For a gracious God who gives us an abundance of reasons to drop coins into our Blue Boxes.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For hearts full of gratitude that are motivated to give generously.

Lord, we give you thanks.

For all who seek to serve Christ through generous service to the UTO.

Lord, we give you thanks.

Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers in your harvest. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that inspire the work of the United Thank Offering. May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to address the needs of our ever-changing world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow. **Amen.**

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