

O Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we  
 glorify Thee that thou hast again ful-  
 filled to us your gracious promise  
 that while the earth remains seedtime  
 and harvest shall not fail. We bless  
 you for the kindly fruits of the earth,  
 which you have given us to use.  
 Pardon us, we ask you, to remember  
 that it is ~~you~~ not by bread alone  
 that we live, and grant us ever more  
 to feed on Him who is the true  
 Bread from heaven, even Jesus  
 Christ our Lord, to whom, with  
 you, and the Holy Spirit, be all  
 honor and glory, now and without end.  
 Amen

Some of us have been battered  
 in one way or another this past year. Dis-  
 appointments at work, at home, in the  
 quietness of your own heart. Shall our  
 Christians give thanks only when the  
 sun shines, but many of us are wealthy  
 Christians. Life has not treated us gently,  
 but even in the midst of the tempest,  
 we give thanks.