

For the third day of this Lunar New Year holiday, let's make our Midday Prayers in joy and thanks to God our Father for all His gifts and goodness. A song of praise, first, from the 'Slaves': Father, we praise you, we bless you, we glorify you

MUSIC (Laudamus: Praise Gloria)

A time of joyful thanksgiving — and here, not Chinese but an old Irish thanksgiving:

PRAYER (Irish Thanksgiving)

This holiday is a family time. Together as brother and sisters with Christ, let us pray to our Father in the way and words we've learnt from Christ our elder brother: MUSIC (Our Father: Daughters of God)

Let us pray especially today for all who are lonely or needy in this festival season: that they may receive from someone these days the greater gift all the other gifts are taken of — the love and respect of brother and sisters in the human family of God. PRAYER (New Year Blessing)

Another ~~thought~~ ^{thought} in music now, in a different vein again — something maybe to think about and pray that the family joy and celebration of these days may, 5-15 make us all more mindful and caring for others. MUSIC (Sympathy: Beyond...)

Not really true, maybe: for unlike any other gift, love is the one thing that does not diminish by being given away: it's by giving our love that we learn love and have more to give. PRAYER [Lay Day, p 76]