

THANK YOU, HEAVENLY FATHER

By Rick McKinney for his brother, William, 2021

Thank you, Father, for creating the Sun, the Moon, the planets and all the stars in their shining glory.

Thank you, Father, for creating the earth and all its mountains, forests, plains, coastlands, and seas.

Thank you, Father, for creating all the earth's creatures dwelling in the land, the air, and the sea.

Thank you, Father, for creating all the peoples of this earth, all made in your image and likeness.

Thank you, Father, for creating me out of love with hands and feet to hold, to clap, to walk, and to work

Thank you, Father, for creating me with ears and eyes and tongue to listen, to see and to sing.

Thank you, Father, for houses, for cars, for roads, for tall buildings, for electricity and for water systems.

Thank you, Father, for music, for television, for sports, for films, for tasty food, and for a steady income.

Thank you, Father, for a loving mother and father, for sister and brothers and a wholesome upbringing.

Thank you, Father, for drawing me toward friends, and fellowship, and committed relationships.

Thank you, Father, for drawing me toward your Church, your priests, the Eucharist, and the Community.

Thank you, Father, for your beloved Son who died for me and for sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in me.

Thank you, Father, for giving me an inner ear to hear your voice and a tongue to give you praise.

Thank you, Father, for drawing me toward You and toward all the saints and all the angels in heaven.

Amen