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Lord, may we give you our whole lives as a worthy offering out of gratitude for all your goodness to us.

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