**Invocation**

I am grateful for all the trees for their beauty and their gift of oxygen that allow us to breathe.

I am grateful for the ever present free, cool, clean air around me enabling respiration for growth regeneration and nourishment... air is life. It is not to be taken for granted.

I am grateful for all the colors nature provides for they provide views amazing perspectives and keep me happy.

I am grateful for being able to walk through the forest and the gift of fresh air.

I am grateful for water and all that it does for me. I feel gratitude for water's nourishment, its utility, and for its tranquil beauty that always helps me find peace.

I am grateful for a clear night sky. Gazing upon the moon and stars is a clear connection and that
I play a role in something larger. The night sky sparks my imagination and energizes my spirit. I find the calm of a dark night very grounding.

I am grateful for the beautiful sights covered in snow. I feel at peace when I am out in nature just the silence from the city noises and just listen to the forest.

I am grateful for my family and my privileges proving me the ability to have an impact on the world.

I am grateful for trees in the woods and how, surrounded by these giants reaching for the sky, they make me feel small and humbled. I am reminded that I am just a passenger on the earth experiencing what it creates and that I'm almost insignificant in this large and incredibly beautiful world.

I am grateful for clean air for it feels good and is refreshing. And, my mind is opened up to things I don’t often think about, to which I overlook.

I'm grateful for Lake Superior for the purity and quality of its drinking water and for its immensity that leaves me feeling humbled and awed.

I am grateful for nature as it is as much a part of my life as anything else, and it reminds me how good it feels to be alive. I value even the smallest insects, because each of them could tell a story if they could talk.

I am grateful for the air, the plants and the soil for they provide life, health and happiness. Without we could not survive.

I am grateful for the fall leaves turning colors. I am amazed at the yearly cycle, over and over again, with the leaves starting out so fresh and green to turning a bright color before they die off.

I am grateful for the sun giving warmth to a very cold day a reminder that warmer days will come. I feel a healing from the heat and the warmth coming from the sun rays.

I am grateful for all the beautiful lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds. Water is life. And I feel especially grateful to live near such an abundance. It is a blessing.

I am grateful for the woods and the ocean giving me peace through the years.

For these we give thanks.

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