For the favor of being, we thank You, Lord;
for the Father who Is, we praise You!
For the truth of our faith, we thank You, Lord;
for the Word, who is Truth, we praise You!
For the gift of our love, we thank You, Lord;
for the Gift who is Love, we Praise You!
For the love of our mother, we thank You, Lord;
for Your Mother in Heaven, we praise You!
For the work of our father, we thank You, Lord;
for the work of Your Hand, we praise You!
Great is Your bounty on earth, O Lord,
but greater Your glory in Heaven!

For the joys of the earth, we Thank You, Lord;
for Your Heavenly Joy, we praise You!
For bread and for wine, we thank You, Lord;
for Your Body and Blood, we praise You!
For the lightness of air, we thank You, Lord;
for Your creating Breath, we praise You!
For the coolness of water, we thank You, Lord;
for Your waters of Mercy, we praise You!
For the passing of time, we thank You Lord;
for Your endless Duration, we praise You!
Give thanks to the Lord, O you, His children,
give thanks to the Lord for His promise!

For all of our days, we thank You, Lord;
for Your permanent Day, we praise You!
For the coming of dawn, we thank You, Lord;
for the Dawn of Your Face, we praise You!
For the radiance of noon, we thank You, Lord;
for the Sun of Your Justice, we praise You!
For the quiet of the dusk, we thank You, Lord;
for the Peace of Your Grace, we praise You!
For the stillness of night, we thank You, Lord;
for the Boon of Your Silence, we praise You!
Give thanks to the Lord for His bounty to us;
give praise for His glory in Heaven!

For the smile of a child, we thank You, Lord;
for Your Smile in the Crib, we praise You!
For the sorrows of man we thank You, Lord;
for Your Passion on earth, we praise You!
For the coming of death, we thank You, Lord;
for Your Death on the Cross, we praise You!
For the splendors of life, we thank You, Lord;
for Your Rising in Splendor, we praise You!
For the host of Your saints, we thank You, Lord;
for Yourself, Who are Holy, we praise You!
Give thanks to the Lord, O you, His children, for
the Lord is your Life and the Lord is your Love.
Blessed are those who live and who love!
Give praise to the Lord for His promise of
everlasting joy! Amen.

(Hymn of Thanksgiving of José)

The beautiful panorama of the Berkshire Hills with the fall foliage as seen from the Marian Monastery veranda in Stockbridge, Mass.