God of life,

You are the source of our life, and we give you thanks.

You gift us with our Earth.

You gift us with one another.

You gift us with our call to be Christ to one another.

Through your loving heart, O God, you offer the opportunity to continue to feed and nourish one another.

Marking the 1,000 days between a woman’s pregnancy and her child’s second birthday, you call us into deeper measure and hope to provide for all. May we be emboldened in our YES! to provide nourishment for all children in need.

May our YES! call us into deeper relationship with one another, protect those of us that are vulnerable, and allow us to be a true reflection of your Son's love.

Amen.

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