Thanksgiving Reflections

THANKSGIVING MEANS...

“Appreciating all the blessings that were given to me... Giving praise and thanking God.” - Jill

“Sharing in the love and blessings of the Lord, with family, friends, and loved ones... these are things I am grateful for.” - Johanna T.

“Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God’s promise to us. A time to give thanks and to share it with our family, friends, community, and the church.” - Ralph & Marinette Sotheron

“I give God thanks for my life and my families. I thank Him for my salvation, grace, and mercy.” - Sharon

“Thanksgiving is an extra time to be grateful apart from the daily thanksgiving I give to God for all the blessings He bestowed to me, as well as the strength and resilience provided for me to go through the everyday challenges in life.” - Me-an

“Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on our blessings from God. Giving thanks for our family and friends and God’s love for us. Thanksgiving personally reminds me of God’s love, grace, and His glorious power over my life. Everything we have in this world was given by Him and it is very appropriate that we as a family and nation dedicate a special day to thank and acknowledge Him. For us Christians, it is even more meaningful because, we are thanking the only true loving God.” - Richard Alfaro

“Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks to God for all His blessings and also to share those blessings to everybody.” - Jay Jay

“I thank God for my family, even my struggles. I have life to experience joy and move on with God’s promises.” - Bok

“Thanksgiving means giving thanks to God for the blessings we received and for our children.” - John & Glenda

“First and foremost is Jesus. The Son of God came in flesh, suffered and died for the sins of the world, so that we can receive forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Second, God changed me.” - Alfa A.

“I thank God for my salvation, my family, and I thank Him for the grace and hope. I thank Him for the cross. God abundantly bless me and my heart overflows with thanksgiving. I am grateful to God for giving me a wonderful spiritual family here at GGCF.” - Vicky

“I was born at Thanksgiving and everyday should be full of love and thanksgiving.” - Wayne
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“Thanksgiving is very important part of our lives. There are so many things in this world to be thankful for, but what comes to my mind instantly that deserves thanksgiving is God’s promise of eternal life (John 3:16).” - Violeta J.

“Thanksgiving is to give glory and praise to God. Continue to grow in the knowledge of Him.” - Jojo & Neneng

“At thanksgiving I thank God for His love, my family, and the many blessings. Thankful for good health, job, husband, and wonderful family.” - Laverne

“Everyday should be a day of thanksgiving. It just so happen we eat turkey on the last Thursday of November.” - Edson

“Thanksgiving comes natural as a follower of Jesus Christ. It is an evidence of our regeneration. Thanksgiving to me is about gratitude and appreciation.” - Maan M.

“Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for what He has done throughout the year.” - Althea M.

“I am thankful for my family (immediate and church), provisions (spiritual and safety) and a personal relationship with Him. He completes me and I am thankful.

Thanksgiving is a celebration to give thanks to our Lord, for all the blessings He has given us and our loved ones. Everyday is Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the things that I have been blessed with, my family, health, and the church. It also means a time to reflect on the Word of God, not only to hear but to pass it on to others who have not heard it.

Thanksgiving is for the whole world to remember that God is gracious to give everything He has for He loves us so much. In the presence of wealth, good health, abundant food and everything we accumulated, we who believed in God will be broke if we do not acknowledge the giver of all things. Have a meaningful and Happy Thanksgiving! In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you! (1 Thessalonians 5:18) - Bing P.

“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”

Psalm 95:1–6 NIV
Women’s (only) Christmas Fellowship
Saturday, December 1
at 6 PM

at the Orejola’s residence
10552 Tarton Fields Circle
Raleigh, NC 27617

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Thanksgiving For All Things

“Lord, how can I thank you when I am single and want to be married?”

“Dear God, how can I ever be happy in this dead-end job?”

“God, how can I thank you for broken plumbing in our bathroom when we don’t have the money to make repairs?”

How can we have thankful, contented hearts when the circumstances in our lives are not what we had planned and when they lie outside our control or our power to change?

Let’s look at our alternatives. If we are not thankful, we become bitter and angry with God: He is not providing what we “rightfully” deserve. If we are not content, we become rebellious and complaining: after all He gives our friends everything they pray for—why does He refuse us?

Underlying these complaints and questions lie two errors in our thinking: that God is not trustworthy and that He does not desire our good. When we compare these conclusions with Scripture, we discover how wrong we are! God’s Word instructs us that God is sovereignly in control, providing for and working out all circumstances in the lives of those who love Him and whom He has called. He is ultimately involved with us; He works out His purposes through the events in our lives so that we may be conformed to the image of His Son.

We have further reason to praise Him. The same God who formed the world in six days knows every hair on our heads. The same God who chose a people for Himself before we were born sent His Son to die on the cross to redeem us from our sins.

God’s love for His people is not determined by the circumstances in our lives. His love is steadfast. Our marital status, career or finances might fluctuate or totally break apart. In spite of that, however, we can and must give Him thanks for His love toward us. We must serve Him with unhesitating hearts.

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