

nov 23

thanksgiving thanks

"in every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 thes 5:18

and now, a list of thanks given by some.

i thank Thee

i thank Thee, o Thou whose bounty fills my cup with every blessing meet. i give Thee thanks for every drop – the bitter and the sweet. i praise Thee for the desert road, and for the riverside; for all Thy goodness hath bestowed, and all Thy grace denied. i thank Thee for both smile and frown, and for the gain and loss; i praise Thee for the future crown and for the present cross. i thank Thee for both wings of love which stirred my worldly nest; and for the stormy clouds which drove me, trembling, to Thy breast. i bless Thee for the glad increase and for the waning joy; and for this strange, this settled peace which nothing can destroy

– jane crewdson

thankful for His good gifts

most gracious and all wise God; before whose face the generations rise and fall; Thou in whom we live, and move, and have our being. we thank thee for all of Thy good and gracious gifts, for life and for health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and the love of human nature.

– martin luther king jr.

thank You, Lord, for food and friends
we thank you, Lord, for food and friends, and for all
of the joy this holiday lends. it's thanksgiving day
and we can see the blessings you've provided our
family. thanks to you, Lord, for another good year;
when you watch over us, there's nothing to fear.
- karl fuchs

thankful for love and mercy
Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured
more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we
can possibly fathom. help us remember why You gave
Your life. because of love. because of mercy.
because we desperately need them both. in Jesus' name,
amen.
- liz curtis higgs

prayer of thanks
o, heavenly Father: we thank thee for food and remember
the hungry. we thank thee for health and remember the
sick. we thank thee for friends and remember the
friendless. we thank thee for freedom and remember the
enslaved. may these remembrances stir us to service,
that thy gifts to us may be used for others. amen.
- abigail van buren

a prayer for thanksgiving
o God, we thank You for this earth, our home; for the
wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the
running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-
resting winds, for trees and the common grass
underfoot. we thank You for our senses by which we
hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the
summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and

rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty, and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory. o God our Creator, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

- walter rauschenbusch

on thanksgiving day

heavenly Father, on thanksgiving day, we bow our hearts to You and pray. we give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. for beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family. for daily provision, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You graciously share. so today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days.

- mary fairchild

the time we have together

our Father, we give thanks for the time we have together to appreciate each other. we give thanks for Your presence which is shared at our table. we give thanks for Your abundant provisions. we pray your guidance toward paths of righteousness and wisdom. may our conversation be joyful, edifying and encouraging. strengthen us, o God, to share Your good news and to serve where You call us. we pray, humbly, in the name of Jesus, our Savior. amen.

- madge p. williams

a prayer of gratitude

let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to providence for manifold blessings - let us be humbly thankful for

inherited ideals – and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world. on that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

– president john f. kennedy

a thanksgiving prayer

o God, when i have food, help me to remember the hungry. when i have work, help me to remember the jobless. when i have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. when i am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. and remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. amen.

– samuel f. pugh

a prayer for the thanksgiving feast

for the laughter of the children, for my own life breath, for the abundance of food on this table, for the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast, for the roof over our heads, the clothes on our backs, for our health, and our wealth of blessings, for this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends, for the freedom to pray these words without fear, in any language, in any faith, in this great country, whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants. thank You, God, for giving us all these. amen.

- rabbi naomi levy

a thanks for a union long in coming
i have what i consider an "adopted son." one whom i
have never met from a place i have never visited. you
see, he is one of the many "spiritually" adopted sons
God has promised to us barren ones. he is to be wed
this week to a long lost love and reunited with the
family they bore together. their promiscuous youth
seeded a beautiful child which brought with it parental
anger and separation. God's grace has kept them both
single and prepared for this restoration now taking
place. there are no happen-chances with God. Father
God, i pray You bless this union that has been too long
in coming and keep it by Your grace, in Jesus name!
- linda jennings

"and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which
also you were called in one body; and be thankful." col
3:15 and let us not forget the psalms. "enter into
His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with
praise. be thankful to Him, and bless His name." psa
100:10

and now perhaps, you need to add a thanksgiving of your
own!