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# Thanksgiving

Throughout the Bible, we see *thanksgiving* for blessings as a theme. The Old Testament resounds with the people praising God; Israel had a history of giving thanks to God for the mercy and deliverance he showed them. In the New Testament we read, Jesus "Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke them" (Luke 9:16). At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, and offered it to His followers (1 Cor. 11:24). Jesus always prayed before meals.

With the holiday approaching, let's consider some thoughts for thanksgiving.

**Motive.** When we give thanks to God, our sole motive should be *pure gratitude*. Thanksgiving is giving thanks and that alone. Of all our types of prayers, a thanksgiving prayer is the least likely to be polluted or corrupted with selfish thoughts or a subconscious appeal to manipulate God. It is about God's blessings toward us and our appreciation of those blessings.

**Knowledgeable.** Being grateful requires us to look back into the past, whether times recent or years past, and acknowledging blessings for which we are thankful. Our culture is infatuated with the future and the result is that thanksgiving is sometimes neglected. But to give thanks to God is to look backwards, not forwards, and to express gratitude for the good things that have come our way.

**Comprehensive.** On the U.S. holiday, we thank God for the meal. Sometimes we include more in our prayers. We should, because we are so blessed. God is to be thanked for our family, friends, housing, jobs, and possibly hundreds of other minor things. Giving God thanks should be a theme running through our lives in times good and bad. The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's providence. In bitter winters with scarce food, they learned to thank God for all they had. And they were eager to thank Him during times of abundant blessing, too.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, ponder and consider the many blessings you enjoy. Be grateful for these wonderful benefits and thank God for them.

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We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
To give glory to God  
To be unified in reaching others  
To be living witnesses for Christ

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)**

**Pray for our Church family:**

Pray for Jim Scott who has been hospitalized with pneumonia as well as Wanda as she continues to recover. For those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson and Lucy McDonald. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, and Joyce Winings.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Please keep John and Lori Francis and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their grandson Chris. Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to continue to pray for those who are serving their communities during this time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and Tony Cairo and Glenn Fields.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear Lord, help me to learn to put my trust fully in You and not rely upon my own plans. Help me to leave tomorrow to You and focus on serving You today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Kerry Williams, November 2017

Read: Matthew 7:25-34

**News:**

**Precious memories**-We extend our sympathy to Sue Collins and family on the passing of Ray last Sunday. Many of us knew Ray before Alzheimer’s began to take its toll on him. We appreciated his folksy, down-to-earth conversation. ‘There is no expiration date on love’.

*Individually wrapped communion supplies* are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and during temporary closures. *Please contact Kathy for info (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Scripture readings:**  
**Philippians 4:6,7 &**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Sermon topic:**

**“Give thanks in all circumstances”**

**Birthdays:**

Susana Delgado:	11/1
Jennifer Curlee:	11/8
Wanda Goodenough:	11/29

**Anniversaries:**

R & S Collins:	11/10
E. Olea & S. Delgado:	11/18
M & Y Fuentes:	11/28



I know Love abounds among us, but unfortunately we will not be having in-person worship service this week.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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P.O. Box 2267  
Palm Springs, CA 92263  
(Checks or money orders - do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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