### Thanksgiving - Ponderings

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

***(Psalm 95:2)***

**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and into his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to Him, bless His name!**

**For the Lord is good.**

***(Psalm 100:4-5)***

**And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving**

**and the voice of them that make merry:**

**and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few;**

**I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.**

***(Jeremiah 30:19)***

## I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

## (Philippians 1:3)

**In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you.**

***(1 Thessalonians 5:18)***

**Awake with a winged heart, and give thanks for another day of loving! *(Kahlil Gibran)***

**Summer’s past, and winter’s near, and Thanksgiving Day is here. Though the flowers and leaves are gone, warm days vanished by cold dawn. Still our heartfelt thanks begin for the good days that have been. For the loved ones we now see, and the good things yet to be. *(Donna Eddy)***

**Were there no God, we would be in this glorious world with grateful hearts, and no one to thank. (Christina Rossetti)**

**Let us cultivate this habit of giving thanks, lifting up our thoughts and words to the Spirit of plenty, of prosperity, of joy, of love, of power, of strength – of everything that enters into life – and do it because we love to express the joy of living in a universe where the law of success is so easily utilized. (Charles Fillmore)**

**Be thankful for what you have -- you’ll end up having more. *(Oprah Winfrey)***

**Forever on Thanksgiving Day, the heart will find the pathway home. *(Wilbur D. Nesbit)***

**Thanks is the highest form of thought. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**I thank God for this illness and these physical discomforts, because I have the time to converse with the Lord Jesus. (St. Faustina Kowalska)**

**Irish saying quoted in Killarney shop: “Get down on your knees, and thank God you are on your feet.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**Thanksgiving will keep the heart fresh. *(Charles Fillmore, in Revealing Word)***

**Who does not thank for little will not thank for much. (Estonian proverb)**

**Thank You God for little things that often come our way – The things we take for granted but don’t mention when we pray – The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed – A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need – Oh, make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces that come to us with “sweet surprise” from never-dreamed-of places. (Helen Steiner Rice, in Someone Cares)**

**The more you are thankful for what you have, the more you will have to be thankful for. (Zig Ziglar)**

**To me, music is mankind’s way of thanking the universe for letting us be here. (Juan Gabriel, singer)**

**Outcomes rarely turn on grand gestures or the art of the deal, but on whether you’ve sent someone a thank-you note. (Bernie Brillstein, in The Little Stuff Matters Most)**

**Grandma’s advice: “Each day is a gift from God. So it’s only polite to send Him a thank-you prayer.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**I have lived to thank God that not all my prayers have been answered. *(Jean Ingelow)***

**There is one thing for which all can be thankful, and it is generally overlooked. We can all be thankful for the present moment, because it is what we do and the way we think in the present moment that changes our past and determines our future. (Doug Hooper)**

**Some people always sigh in thanking God. (Elizabeth Barrett Browning)**

**When the snow is up to your knees, about the only thing to be thankful for is that you’re not eight feet tall. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**If anyone could tell you the shortest way to all happiness and perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing. (William Law, a great English clergyman of the 18th century)**

**We should spend as much time in thanking God for His benefits as we do in asking Him for them. *(St. Vincent de Paul)***

**Giving thanks, expressing thanks, appreciation, praise and blessing will enhance and enrich your daily life. But more than that, expressing these qualities of Spirit will enlighten your consciousness. You will leap forward in spiritual transformation, all because you increased your thanks-ability! (Gerry Comstock, Unity minister)**

**In the old Anglo-Saxon language, “thankfulness” means “thinkfulness.” So changing our thoughts from everything that is wrong to acknowledging what is right in our world, leads to a feeling of gratitude and peacefulness. *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**Thankfulness sets in motion a chain reaction that transforms people all around us – including ourselves. For no one ever misunderstands the melody of a grateful heart. Its message is universal; its lyrics transcend all earthly barriers; its music touches the heavens. (Fred Bauer, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Thanksgiving to be truly Thanksgiving is first thanks, then giving. (Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations, p. 1462)**

**One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclination. (John of Avila)**

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