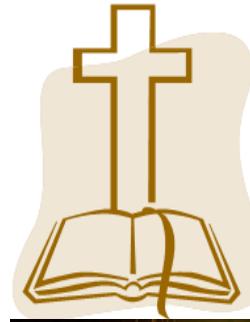




Even if we did not believe in Christ, even if we did not believe in God, it would still be proper to live our lives in a spirit of thankfulness. We are all dependent on others. We depended on our parents when we were infants. They, in turn, depended upon extended family, friends, neighbors, employers, and others, as we likely do now. We benefit from the work of people we have never met, from farmers who grow the food we eat to engineers who invented the things we use, to factory workers who build them. If we think of all that we have, all that we know, and all that we've become, we can only imagine how many people have had some influence, great and small, in all this. So we are right to be thankful. As Christians, we know to direct our thanks ultimately to God. Through His grace and mercy, He has given us everything.

§§§ QUESTION OF THE DAY §§§

How do I show my thankfulness to God? How do I thank others for what they have done for me?



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THANKSGIVING DAY

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St John de la Salle serves as a beacon of hope in the community, helping people find their hidden treasures as we share our gifts through Jesus Christ.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know

that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Thanks be to God!

*And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water;
and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.*

Exodus 23:25

First Reading

(A reading from the first Book of Kings)

King Solomon stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, saying in a loud voice: "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised. Not a single word has gone unfulfilled of the entire gracious promise he made through Moses his servant. May the LORD, our God, be with us as he was with our ancestors and may he not forsake us nor cast us off. May he draw our hearts to himself, that we may walk in his ways and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances that he enjoined on our ancestors. May these words of mine, the petition I have offered before the LORD, our God, be present to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel as each day requires, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and there is no other. Your heart must be wholly devoted to the LORD, our God, observing his statutes and keeping his commandments, as on this day."

(1 King 8:55-61)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name; I will praise your name for, Lord.

(Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11)



Second Reading

(A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians)

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony* to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

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