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INTRODUCTION

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, may we be reminded of the goodness and faithfulness of our God. Every promise in His Word calls us to remember that true gratitude does not rest in changing circumstances, but in God's unchanging grace.

This is a 27-day devotional of thanksgiving and prayer, designed to help our church family reflect and give thanks together as we approach Thanksgiving Day.

DAY 1 - GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23

God remains true to His promises to redeem and preserve His people through Christ. Every new day is a fresh testimony of His mercy and an invitation to trust His providence. Gratitude begins here: Not in what changes, but in the One who never does.

Pray For:

- A heart that remembers God's unchanging covenant love
- Renewed trust in God's faithfulness amid personal trial
- That our Church family will rest in God's promises and not in worldly security

DAY 2 - GOD'S PROVISION

Scripture: Philippians 4:19

Paul's confidence in this verse was not based on material abundance but on the sufficiency of Christ. God provides not always what we want, but everything we need to glorify Him and persevere in faith. Thanksgiving turns our eyes from anxiety to assurance: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

Pray For:

- Contentment in God's daily provision
- Hearts free from anxiety about tomorrow
- A spirit of generosity as we reflect God's giving nature

DAY 3 - GOD'S PEACE

Scripture: Philippians 4:7

The peace of God is not the absence of conflict but the presence of Christ. Gratitude for God's peace grows when we remember that our ultimate security rests not in our control but in His unshakeable rule. Pray For:

- A deeper sense of God's peace amid cultural and personal unrest
- That our Church would be a witness of gospel peace in a divided world
- Those struggling with fear or anxiety to find rest in Christ's finished work

DAY 4 - GOD'S STRENGTH

Scripture: Philippians 4:13

Human ability fails, but divine strength prevails. God empowers His people through the indwelling Spirit to endure suffering, resist temptation, and obey His will. Thanksgiving is born when we recognize that even our perseverance is a gift of grace.

Pray For:

- God's strength to sustain those enduring trials
- Humility to rely on Christ's power, not self-effort
- Strength for our Church to stand firm in truth and holiness

DAY 5 - GOD'S GUIDANCE

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trusting God's guidance means surrendering our wisdom to His sovereignty. Gratitude flows when we remember that the God who saved us also directs our steps. We walk not by sight, but by faith in the One who never leads astray.

Pray For:

- Wisdom for daily decisions rooted in Scripture
- Submission to God's will when His direction is unclear
- That our Church will walk faithfully in God's revealed truth

DAY 6 - GOD'S PROTECTION

Scripture: Psalm 121:7

God's protection is comprehensive—it guards the soul from ultimate harm and ensures the believer's perseverance until glory. Even when we stumble, we are kept by His power, not by our performance.

Thanksgiving arises when we realize that our security rests not in our grip on God, but in His steadfast hold on us.

- Confidence in God's sovereign protection over our lives
- Endurance for those facing spiritual opposition or fear
- That our Church would rest in the assurance that nothing can separate us from God's keeping power

DAY 7 - GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Romans 8:38-39

The love of God is not a fleeting emotion—it is an eternal commitment rooted in His sovereign choice and covenant grace. Thanksgiving grows as we recognize that the love which chose us, redeemed us, and sustains us can never be broken.

Pray For:

- A deeper grasp of God's steadfast, covenant love
- Assurance for believers struggling to feel loved by God
- That our Church would reflect God's love in unity and compassion

DAY 8 - GOD'S GRACE

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9

Grace is not merely God's favor—it is His active power working in and through human weakness. Our weakness doesn't diminish but magnifies the glory of God. Thanksgiving flows when we stop striving for self-sufficiency and rest in the all-sufficiency of Christ.

Pray For:

- Deeper dependence on God's grace in weakness
- Endurance for those suffering under trials or burdens
- A church culture that celebrates grace rather than performance

DAY 9 - GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Scripture: 1 John 1:9

Forgiveness is not God overlooking sin—it is God removing it through Christ's atoning sacrifice. The doctrine of justification reminds us that forgiveness is legal and final; the believer stands righteous before God, clothed in Christ's merit. Thanksgiving wells up when we realize there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.

- A renewed awareness of the cost of our forgiveness
- Repentant hearts and restored fellowship with God
- A forgiving spirit within our Church, reflecting the gospel locally and globally

DAY 10 - GOD'S HOPE

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Hope in Scripture is not wishful thinking—it is a confident expectation rooted in God's faithfulness. This hope rests on God's immutable decree and the finished work of Christ. Our future is secure not because of changing circumstances, but because of the unchanging God who holds all things together.

Pray For:

- Renewed hope for those weary or discouraged
- Confidence in God's providence, even when the way seems unclear
- That our Church would to be a beacon of gospel hope to our community

DAY 11 - GOD'S JOY

Scripture: Psalm 16:11

True joy is not found in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of God. The believer's joy flows from union with Christ—the One who endured sorrow for our redemption. Gratitude flourishes when we remember that no circumstance can rob us of joy that is anchored in Christ's eternal presence.

Pray For:

- Hearts filled with joy rooted in Christ, not circumstances
- Joy for those battling discouragement or depression
- A joyful spirit to characterize our worship and fellowship

DAY 12 - GOD'S COMFORT

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

All true comfort flows from God's character and the gospel of Christ. He comforts us not by removing pain, but by revealing His presence within it. Thanksgiving deepens when we realize that God uses even sorrow to conform us to the likeness of His Son, the Man of Sorrows who comforts the brokenhearted.

- Comfort for those suffering grief or loss in our Church and community
- Compassion for our Church to care for the hurting
- A renewed awareness of Christ's nearness in suffering

DAY 13 - GOD'S GOODNESS

Scripture: Psalm 34:8

God's goodness is not merely something He possesses—it is who He is. Everything He does is good because He Himself is good. Even when we cannot trace His hand, we can trust His heart. Gratitude grows as we learn to interpret every event through the lens of God's goodness revealed in Christ.

Pray For:

- Eyes to see God's goodness in all things
- Gratitude in times of abundance and in times of want
- That our congregation reflects God's goodness in mercy and service

DAY 14 - GOD'S PATIENCE

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9

God's patience is a reflection of His mercy. Though judgment is certain, God delays it to call sinners to repentance. Thanksgiving grows when we remember how often He has been patient with us, bearing our weaknesses and restoring us by grace.

Pray For:

- Gratitude for God's patience in our own lives
- Patience in dealing with others as God deals with us
- That unbelievers would come to repentance before the day of the Lord

DAY 15 - GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture: James 1:5

Human wisdom is fragile and fleeting, but God's wisdom is perfect and eternal. The believer receives wisdom by submitting to God's Word and relying on the Spirit's illumination. Scripture alone is the sufficient and infallible rule for wisdom and godliness. Gratitude deepens as we realize God has not left us to grope in the dark—He has given us His mind in His Word.

- Wisdom for daily decisions in home, work, and ministry
- Discernment to distinguish truth from error
- That our Church leaders and teachers would depend on Scripture's wisdom above human opinion

DAY 16 - GOD'S HEALING

Scripture: Psalm 147:3

God's healing reaches far deeper than physical restoration—it extends to the soul. True healing flows from redemption: our souls are restored to fellowship with God, and even our bodily suffering points forward to the resurrection where all things will be made new.

Thanksgiving grows when we see that every act of divine healing—temporal or eternal—is a glimpse of the mercy purchased by Christ's

blood.

Pray For:

- Healing for those in our church and community who are sick or suffering
- Spiritual restoration for those wounded by sin or shame
- Hope in the promise of final healing at Christ's return

DAY 17 - GOD'S FAITHFUL PROMISES

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:20

Every divine promise finds its fulfillment in Christ. He is the "Yes" of God to His covenant people—the guarantee that not one of God's words will fail. Thanksgiving deepens as we remember that Christ not only secures the promises, but applies them to us by His Spirit.

Pray For:

- Greater confidence in God's promises revealed in Scripture
- Faith to cling to Christ as the fulfillment of every promise
- That our Church would live as people marked by hope and assurance

DAY 18 - GOD'S STRENGTH IN TRIALS

Scripture: James 1:2–3

The believer's trials are not random—they are ordained by a wise and loving Father for our sanctification. Thanksgiving flows when we see suffering as the soil in which steadfast faith grows. We rejoice not because trials are pleasant, but because they are purposeful.

- Pray For:
 - Endurance and faith for those walking through hardship
 - Deeper trust in God's sovereign hand in suffering
 - That our Church would shine as a testimony of joy in trials

DAY 19 - GOD'S DELIVERANCE

Scripture: Psalm 50:15

Deliverance is at the heart of the gospel. Every act of rescue in Scripture points forward to the great deliverance accomplished by Christ at Calvary. God alone delivers by His power and grace. Thanksgiving arises when we see that every rescue, every answered prayer, and every mercy is designed to lead us to glorify Him.

Pray For:

- Gratitude for God's deliverance through Christ alone
- That we can call upon the name of Lord and find refuge in Him
- For our Church to proclaim boldly the deliverance found only in the gospel

DAY 20 – GOD'S GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE Scripture: John 17:3

Eternal life is not merely endless existence—it is knowing God through Christ. Eternal life begins now for those united to Christ; it is both a present possession and a future hope. Thanksgiving wells up as we realize that the life Christ gives is not earned but freely granted by His sovereign mercy.

Pray For:

- Assurance of eternal life for all believers
- Salvation for those who have not yet trusted in Christ
- For our Church to live as people of eternity, not merely the present age

DAY 21 – GOD'S WORD AS GUIDANCE Scripture: Psalm 119:105

God guides His people through His revealed Word. In a world filled with competing voices, Scripture alone provides the sure light for the believer's path.

- Renewed hunger for God's Word in personal and corporate life
- Discernment to follow Scripture's guidance above worldly wisdom
- Faithfulness in preaching, teaching, and obeying God's truth

DAY 22 - GOD'S SATISFACTION

Scripture: Psalm 73:25

The believer finds ultimate satisfaction not in gifts, but in the Giver. The world promises fulfillment, but only Christ satisfies the soul. Gratitude grows when we delight in God for who He is, not merely for what He gives. When Christ becomes our portion, every earthly joy becomes a foretaste of eternal communion with Him.

Pray For:

- Deeper satisfaction in God alone
- · Freedom from idolatry and worldly desires
- That our Church would treasure Christ above all things

DAY 23 - GOD'S PRESENCE

Scripture: Matthew 28:20

The promise of Christ's presence is the believer's greatest comfort. Through the indwelling Spirit, God dwells with His people even now. Thanksgiving deepens when we realize that we are never abandoned. The same presence that empowered the apostles empowers the church. His abiding presence transforms ordinary moments into sacred ones, filling our lives with courage and peace.

Pray For:

- Awareness of God's abiding presence in every circumstance
- Encouragement for those who feel distant from God
- That our Church would walk in unity and mission, confident that Christ is with us

DAY 24 - GOD'S MERCY

Scripture: Psalm 103:8

Mercy is God's tender heart toward sinners. Though He is just, He delights to show compassion. Thanksgiving blooms when we remember that we deserved wrath, but received grace instead.

- Gratitude for the mercy that saved and sustains us
- · Compassion toward those who have yet to know God's mercy
- That our Church would reflect the mercy of Christ in word and deed

DAY 25 - GOD OUR REFUGE

Scripture: PsalPsalm 46:1

God Himself is our refuge—not merely what He gives, but who He is. The believer runs to Him for shelter in every storm. Even when the nations rage and the earth gives way, God remains unshaken. Thanksgiving arises as we learn to rest in His protection, knowing He will never abandon His people.

Pray For:

- Comfort and safety for those facing turmoil or fear
- Unshakable trust in God's sovereignty amid uncertainty
- That our Church would be a refuge for the weary and broken

DAY 26 - GOD'S GLORY

Scripture: Romans 11:36

All of creation exists for the glory of God alone. Salvation, too, is ultimately about God magnifying His grace and power in redeeming sinners. Thanksgiving finds its highest expression when we turn our praise from self to God, seeing that every good gift is designed to exalt Christ.

Pray For:

- Every ministry and decision at our Church would glorify God
- A deeper reverence for God's majesty in worship
- Gratitude that our salvation exists for the praise of God's glory

DAY 27 – THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE Scripture: Psalm 107:1

The month culminates in worship. Gratitude is not seasonal, it is the continual song of the redeemed. Thanksgiving, therefore, is not merely what we do, but who we are. We're a people formed by grace, living to proclaim the goodness of God.

- A spirit of continual thanksgiving in every member of our Church
- Hearts that worship God for who He is, not only for His gifts
- Our congregation to live as a testimony of God's steadfast love and faithfulness

