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A Thanksgiving Psalm For Today

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1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases.

4. Who rendereth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with kindness and tender mercies.

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement for all that are oppressed.

7. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

14. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15. As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children:

18. To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength that do his commandments, harkening unto the voice of his word.

21. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22. Bless the Lord all his works in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Virtue of Gratitude

The cost of saying "Thanks" is not very great. But it sometimes costs a great deal not to say it. Not to say it oftentimes costs friends, self-respect and a surrender of those sacred instincts which give life, its stability, and power and sweetness. The one who says "Thanks" is blessed with the virtue of gratitude. That was the outstanding characteristic of the Pilgrims of Plymouth, gratitude and humility as evidenced in their lives and religious services. That person who is grateful and appreciative is like a welcome beacon light on a dark night. It is a pleasure to know and associate with such people.

The one who lacks this finer sense is missing lots. He soon becomes lonesome and desolate. None care to serve him because he is unappreciative. He lives oftentimes an unhappy life because he is never awake to the fact that he is a recipient of the good and indispensable things of life. His own imagination is his worse enemy. Pity the man or woman who says, "I have nothing to be thankful for."

Thanksgiving calls upon us first and foremost to acknowledge God as the giver of every blessing and to thank Him for his goodness. That was the spirit of the Pilgrims, and one we all need to develop in our lives.

The value of Thanksgiving lies in the reminder it gives us, that none to often do we say, "Thanks". The season also suggests that we may well say, "Thank you". The expression of that sentiment does one good. He from whom all blessings flow is entitled to an expression of our gratitude. That is man's chief blessing—the presence of an Infinite God who created him, in whom man lives and moves and has his being.

Next to this holy privilege is

man's brother man. Each of us should be grateful in the depths of our souls for friendships, for fellowship with those about us, and for the opportunity for service. Among life's rarest blessings are those which claim our devotion and our share of the world's work. Life wouldn't be worth living without friends—it would be an empty, meaningless experience.

For the blessing of work, men should be thankful. He who is lazy, shiftless and moves on the premise of "something for nothing", who regards work as a cursed hardship needs to readjust his program. Many a man who inherits a fortune from his father does not know the value of things until the crash comes and he loses his fortune. Then he applies himself to his task, he gathers up the tools of a wasted life. He is forced to build his life's house again. He then starts out to work and plan anew. This is because adversity, disappointment, hard work put that man on his mettle and brought out the best he had.

Thanksgiving season should take into account the habits of thrift and industry, the disposition to live wisely and well, contentment with doing the little things well; and the riches of patience and perseverance. He who loves God, his fellow man, lives honorably, and leaves the world better than he found it is he who knows the blessedness of gratitude. Others are also grateful to him for sowing the good seed of a well spent life. These are some things for us to ponder on at this Thanksgiving season.

First United States Thanksgiving WASHINGTON'S PROCLAMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The first National Thanksgiving Day was proclaimed by President George Washington in a message to the executives of the various states of the newly formed Union. The text of the proclamation is reproduced herewith.)

City of New York, October 3, 1789.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as

have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us, and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Open House Held At Children's Library

Last Wednesday afternoon open house was held at the Children's Library room at the college.

About 85 guests, parents and children, called during the appointed hours 3:30 until 5. Punch and wafers were served.

The library project is sponsored by the P.T.A. of Florida Street school, and members of the committee, Mrs. H. L. Eichelberger, chairman, Mrs. John Addison, Mrs. James S. Gray, librarian, Mrs. Horace D. Payne and Miss Nancy Owens received and assisted in entertaining. Mrs. J. B. Hart and Mrs. Julian Bolick are members of the advisory committee.

The room has recently been re-decorated in a soft shade of green, two handsome audubon bird prints hung, and green potted plants placed in the windows, to add to its attractiveness.

Training School Girls Get Awards

Forty-three members of the State Training school 4-H club attended the Achievement Day program in Laurens on November 12th. Those receiving awards for outstanding work in the various projects were: Doris Smith, food preparation; Onita Sibers, home improvement; Betty Eirod, canning; Edith Turner, clothing achievement; Mildred Lovett and Meadow Wooten, dress revue.

JUNIORS WIN GAME

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