



A Grateful Life

A Time of Gratitude

“Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done.”
Colossians 2:7 (TLB)

Four Ways to Express our Gratitude to God:

Sing it. Speak it. Pray it. Give it.

- 1. Sing to Him. (Psalm 30:4, Colossians 3:16, Psalm 98:4)**
- 2. Speak to Him. (Psalm 107:1, Ephesians 5:4)**
- 3. Pray to Him. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

A Community Prayer of Thanksgiving to God

Dear God, We thank You for who You are. We recognize and honor You for being the One and only true God. Today, we as a people bring glory to your name. Amen

We thank You for the life You have given us. Without You we would not exist and we acknowledge that with great love and admiration. Amen

We thank You for the purposes and plans You have for our lives. We thank you for making each life a life of meaning and purpose. Each life is a life that You value, each life is a life that matters. Amen

We thank You for how You provide for each of us, even when we take it for granted. We thank You that we are here, and that we have all we need. We have a life and hope through You. Amen

We thank You that You have offered forgiveness to each of us when we have made mistakes and had personal failures. We thank You that You have seen our sins and provided a way for them to be forgiven, even though we have not earned or deserved it. Amen

We thank You for the people You have placed in our lives. We thank You that through all of them You teach us new things, and You express your love to us through them. We thank You for those who put up with us and care for us even though we may have failed them. We thank You for teaching us to be better people through them. Thank You for helping us become far more than we could ever be on our own. Amen

We also thank You for protecting us from Satan. We recognize our need for You. We are grateful that You provide for us a way and hope at all times; A hope of a better, safer life with You. A life that at its end has the greatest promise of all, life with You forever. Amen

And now we honor You and You alone. We acknowledge Your power that is life, the only true source of all life. We glorify You and You alone forever and ever and ever. We pray all of this in and through the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has made this possible for us.
AMEN

4. Give to Him. (Psalm 116:17)

Going deeper on your own: Each day this week, intentionally worship our Lord using one of the 4 expressions of gratitude. Monday, sing to Him. Tuesday, speak to others about Him. Wednesday, spend time praying to Him. Thursday, give back to Him. Friday, read Colossians 3:23-24. Then do your work as an act of worship.