

Things I Would Miss If God Did Not Give Them to Me!



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| <b>Words to Find:</b> | food      | heaven   | wife      | church   |
| family                | salvation | ministry | children  | pastor   |
| friends               | Bible     | prayer   | education | air      |
|                       | health    | car      | water     | clothing |
|                       | job       | house    | freedom   |          |

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### Everyday Thanksgiving

*Author Unknown*

Even though I clutch my blanket  
and growl when the alarm rings  
each morning,  
Thank you, Lord, that I can hear.  
There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes  
tightly closed against the morning  
lights as long as possible,

Thank you, Lord, that I can see.  
There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed  
and put off the physical effort of  
rising,

Thank you, Lord, that I have the  
strength to rise.

There are many who are bedfast.

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### That Old Refrain

*Unknown*

“They won’t miss me!” said the mother as she repeatedly left the children for rounds of teas and parties. The Devil did not miss the children either.

“They won’t miss me!” said the police officer as he skipped around on his patrol for a game of poker. A store was robbed.

“They won’t miss me!” said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. However, that airplane he was building later crashed and killed his brother; for a lack of a single nut.

“They won’t miss me!” said the sentry as he slipped away from duty. However, the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

“They won’t miss me!” said the Christian worker as he shed his responsibilities in a day of crisis, and then wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.

God is glorified, not by our  
groans, but by our  
thanksgivings.

### 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

*George Washington — 10/3/1789*



“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 and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

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## 1789 Thanksgiving ...

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“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 in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable 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 has 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 to us), and to bless them with good governments, 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 ...”

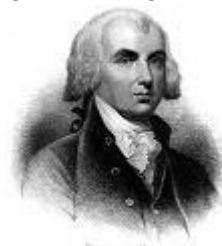
## 1815 Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

*President James Madison —  
3/4/1815*

“The senate and House of Representatives of the United States have by a joint resolution signified their desire that a day may be recommended to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnity as a day of thanksgiving and of devout acknowledgments to Almighty God for His great goodness manifested in restoring

to them the blessing of peace.

“No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the



goodness of the Great Disposer of Events of the Destiny of Nations than the people of the United States. His

kind providence originally conducted them to one of the best portions of the dwelling place allotted for the great family of the human race. He protected and cherished them under all the difficulties and trials to which they were exposed in their early days. Under His fostering care their habits, their sentiments, and their pursuits prepared them for a transition in due time to a state of independence and self-government. In the arduous struggle by which it was attained they were distinguished by multiplied tokens of His benign interposition. During the interval which succeeded He reared them into the strength and endowed them with the resources which have enabled them to assert their national rights, and to enhance their national character in another arduous conflict, which is now so happily terminated by a peace and reconciliation with those who have been our enemies. And to the same Divine Author of Every Good and Perfect Gift we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land.

“It is for blessings such as these, and more especially for the restoration of the blessing of peace, that I now recommend that the second Thursday in April next be set apart as a day on which the people of every religious denomination may in their solemn assemblies unite their hearts and their voices in a freewill offering to their Heavenly Benefactor of their homage of thanksgiving and of their songs of praise.”

## Everyday Thanksgiving

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Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the ladies' magazines, and the menu is at times unbalanced, Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my modest circumstances were not quite so modest, Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

***Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns.***

*— D. L. Moody*

***I don't think the Lord wants any pompous proclamation of thanks on one Thursday in November as much as He wants a little humble service from us every day in the year.***

*— Burton Hillis: Better Homes and Gardens*