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Hi Everyone!

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving 2020 many of us may have a difficult time finding things to really be thankful for. After all, if anything could go wrong, it certainly seemed to do so this year! I think that is the very reason why now is a good time to stop and think of all the reasons you **should** be thankful. Remember God's promises. Think about what **He** has done for **you**.

I think that this beautiful hymn written in 1891 by August Storm expresses the truly thankful spirit. Crippled for life at a young age, Storm truly understood the verse in I Thessalonians: "*Be thankful in all circumstances ...*"

*Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and stormy fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!*

*Thanks for prayers that Thou hast
answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!*

*Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!*

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 —

The Heidelberg Catechism says that belief in the providence of God makes it possible for us to be "thankful when things go well" and "patient when things go against us". So sometimes we are thankful, and sometimes we are patient. Paul sums things up this way. He says it is God's will for us to be thankful "in all circumstances." Really? Well, it may help to note that Paul is not saying we should be thankful for all circumstances but in them. When things seem to go against us, I think God expects us to be grateful that His hand holds us and helps us to endure under the strain. That's a big challenge--to look for reasons to be thankful when the going is tough. Sometimes it can be equally difficult for us to be thankful when things are going well. We might not think it would be that way. After all, when things go well, we have so much to be grateful for. But the very nature of human beings, even if we are Christian, is to overlook the crowd of God's good gifts to us every day. Let me suggest that today you sit still where you are and exercise the gift of noticing. Notice what you see, what you have, and who is with you. Notice the color, beauty, and variety around you. Keep noticing, and make a list of the gifts you notice. Then give thanks to God, the great giver!

Prayer: O great Creator and Giver of all gifts, give us today the great gift of being able to notice all your gifts. Open our hearts to a spirit of thanksgiving, we pray. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

<https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/thanks-2005-11-24>

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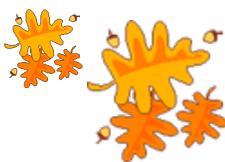
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PRAY FOR

Becky and Jim Collins
Bill and Penny Denmark
Sharon and Shorty Haulk
Alice Krass
Bubba Murray

Our precious country,
The United States of America!



November Birthdays

Nov 05: Penny Denmark
Nov 08: Andy Crouch
Nov 16: James "Bubba" Murray
Nov 27: Diane Evans
Nov 30: Jeannine Pucheu

RECIPE SWAP PUMPKIN TORTE

Submitted by Carolyn Rhoades

Crust:

24 graham cracker squares crushed (@ 2 c)
½ c oleo melted
⅓ c sugar

Filling:

2 eggs beaten
¾ c sugar
8 oz cream cheese, softened

Topping:

2 c pumpkin 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
2 egg yolks ¼ c cold water
½ c sugar 3 egg whites
½ c milk ¼ c sugar
½ t salt
1 T cinnamon

1. Mix graham crackers, ½ c sugar, and oleo and press into 9x12 pan.
2. Mix eggs, ¾ c sugar and cream cheese and pour over crust. Bake about 20 min at 350.
3. Cook pumpkin, egg yolks, ½ c sugar, milk, salt, and cinnamon until mixture thickens. Remove from heat.
4. Dissolve gelatin in cold water and add to mixture. Cool.
5. Beat egg whites. Add ¼ c sugar and fold into cooked pumpkin mixture. Pour over cooled baked crust and filling. Top with cool whip. Refrigerate.

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A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and they're paying their own way!"

