



"Reflections And Thanksgiving"

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As we are about to celebrate the Holiday of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on this past year. There were good moments that made us smile and laugh, and moments that broke our heart and made us cry. We had good times, and times when we were shown more than we could understand. As the saying goes - "one thing in life is for certain, that nothing is for certain". The trick is to take a few moments each day to stop, and give thanks for what we have, that's why our today is called 'the present'. I was asked to put in a prayer that can be used at our Thanksgiving Holiday dinner

"A Thanksgiving Prayer".....

Lord thank you for having given us life. G-d, you have given us everything that we need and could ever want. Help us to see with your eyes all the beauty that exists around us. Often, we look around but don't really see how lucky we are. Help us to not complain about small things day in and day out either. But rather let us thank You for the simple things in life like sunshine, family, and loved ones.

G-d, help us to be conscious of everything that we have going for us, even if we are afflicted by illness or challenges of everyday life. Thou art glorious and can grant us the strength to use the power we possess to change our lives. Lord, we are happy for what we have and will have because it comes from You, whatever comes from You is filled with glory and we accept it.

Thank You for having created the ocean for it is beautiful, the sun for it is bright, the moon for it is romantic, and the day and the night. Thank You for giving us food every day to eat and water to drink. You know our needs and fulfill them. Many worry, saying what shall we eat or how are we going to cope with all that is shown to us.

But we should be like the birds and have faith. They worry not as to what they will eat today or tomorrow, yet You provide for them Lord. Help us to have a greater faith in You, Lord, and help us to not worry so much.

We thank You Lord for all the beautiful things You bring into our lives each day. Lord, help the thanksgiving nature which is within us to become more present in our lives. So that when we begin to think negatively or complain about small things, we can begin to realize how small our problems are and be thankful for everything we already have. And lord please remind us to find some something in this beautiful world of yours to smile about every day, even if we have to look in the mirror. Help us to remember this prayer Lord and let us say, Amen.

Never a better time than today, to share some time with your loved ones, let them know how much they mean to you.

The following is a short story, from a past sermon, to help keep life in perspective....

"Can Anybody See G-d?"

A small boy once approached his slightly older sister with a question about G-d.

"Susie, can anybody ever really see G-d?" he asked. Busy with other things, Susie curtly replied: "No, of course not, silly. G-d is so far up in heaven that nobody can see Him."

Time passed, but his question still lingered, so he approached his mother: "Mom, can anybody ever really see G-d?" "No, not really," she gently said. "G-d is a spirit and He dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see Him."

Somewhat satisfied but still wondering, the youngster went on his way. Not long afterwards, his saintly old grandfather took the little boy on a fishing trip. They were having a great time together -- it had been an ideal day. The sun was beginning to set with unusual splendor as the day ended.

The old man stopped fishing and turned his full attention to the exquisite beauty unfolding before him. On seeing the face of his grandfather reflecting such deep peace and contentment as he gazed into the magnificent ever-changing sunset, the little boy thought for a moment and finally spoke hesitatingly: "Granddad, I - I wasn't going to ask anybody else, but I wonder if you can tell me the answer to something I've been wondering about a long time, can anybody ever really see G-d?"

The old man did not even turn his head. A long moment slipped by before he finally answered. "Son," he quietly said. "my life is getting so, I really can't see anything else." End of story...So, as we pray daily to the Lord for our needs, let us always remember to say thank you for all His blessings!

"The heavens declare the glory of G-d; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

-- Psalm 19:1-4

And before we close a bit of humor from the "Moshe Files" to keep you smiling:

"Thinking outside the box"

A Missouri farmer passed away and left 17 mules' inheritance to his three sons. The instructions left in the will said that the oldest boy was to get one-half of the herd, the second oldest one-third of the herd, and the youngest one-ninth of the herd. The three sons, recognizing the difficulty of dividing 17 mules into these fractions, began to argue.

Their uncle, who lived down the road, heard about the argument, and decided to go help them solve this puzzle. He hitched up his own mule and drove down to their farm, to help settle the matter. He gathered them all in a room and did as follows. He added his own mule to the 17 at their farm, making a total of 18 mules. Then did as follows, the oldest therefore got his one-half, or nine, the second oldest son got one-third, or six, and the youngest son got one-ninth, or two. Adding up 9, 6 and 2 equals 17. The uncle, having settled the argument, hitched up his own mule and driven home, inheritance solved!

.... And sometimes you just have to think "outside the box"...lol

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, A very happy Thanksgiving Holiday to you and your loved ones. Thanks for all the Holy work you do on a daily basis.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen.

Should you need an ear to listen, or a shoulder to lean on, or perhaps have some good humor to share, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

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