

## Expressing a Proper Sense of Gratitude nearing Thanks-Giving Day, 2009

Dear Reader and Listener: It is hoped that this little Prayer set forth for your Use during our upcoming national Day of Thanks-Giving may be of some help to you, as much as it has for me, the writer of it; and that, you read it, and then copy it, print it out, send it to others; and most of all keep it for yourself. Let it be of some use. And if you could ever raise up the courage to do it, ask those at your dinner table to indulge their hungry tummies a little longer, in a moment of reflection, as you read aloud this same Prayer.

Let them hear it, yet don't press it upon them; let them acknowledge these truths, even if done only silently to themselves, as it should be. Let them find and attain a heart-warming feeling that leads them to that Forgiveness which often accompanies a genuine Thanks-Giving. Let it be a Blessing. But this is only a suggestion, because its Original Purpose was for my immediate family, most of whom are not yet Awakened to The Truth of the Matter, and could not and would not bear to Listen. So if it is not used by anyone at all, that's all right with me. I really wrote it for only myself, as Prayers may often be accomplished.

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### A Quiet Thanks-Giving Prayer

This year and every year, during our Thanksgiving Day, as we pray and feast with our family and friends, we should also remember those who are not with us: those individuals afar off, whom we ourselves may call our loved ones; and remember also those loved ones and friends who have gone on before us, becoming aware of the results of a Faith that reminds us of our assured Everlasting Life.

And when remembering particularly those deceased (for the Living are too easily reconciled, if we strive to obtain it), to those with whom we can neither confront, nor thank, nor apologize, we ought not to look upon the grave to find them, for they are not there. Our understood Faith will more readily remind us of that, and our understanding will prove it.

Let them rest in peace; their Work is done;  
Let us rise in strength: ours has yet Begun.

The most anyone can hope for is to know they were faithful to their God; that they had led, ultimately to the best of their experienced ability, an honest and heroic life; and because of that effort, that they had accomplished good deeds, providing for themselves, their families, and their Race. And yet, while kinsmen will die, and friends may leave us (as they always have and will do again), there is one Life we shall know that will never die, and never leave; that is: the Faith and Fame of a Good Man's Deeds, and, of a Good Woman's Deeds. Greatness, therefore, and Righteousness, not wealth, or happy-ness, are the true Hallmarks of a good life.

We should look upon the lives of our family, friends, and acquaintances, here and gone, and remember those Deeds of theirs in our individual life; and, setting aside the Contrary, consider only the Best, and what should have been the Best — those great and heroic moments we often forget. In this, we can learn what we ourselves should do in similar circumstances in our own life, and then Accomplish them.

This is the Ultimate Purpose of our predecessor Generations: that each succeeding generation may be Taught well enough, and provided Exemplary Conduct sufficient enough, to become better than the previous generation. For this reason, at least, each of us was born to do it, all the more so; and to leave these families and friends at our Appointed Time, in the hope that others amongst us have done the same, and others subsequent to us will do the same. Striving during this Righteous Effort, we ought to gratefully labor throughout life, to prove our expression of that Great and lasting Commandment, that we “Love One Another,” against which there is no law, nor Church nor Government.

Toward that end, let us now endeavor to apply those lessons-learned, with the Loving-Kindness, the Patience, the Forgiveness, and the Iron Will of that Great Exemplar, the Master of genuine Loving-Kindness and Righteous Life, Yahshua, Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus Christ. Let these memories of those Gone, whether favorable nor not, enlighten our own life and govern our acts among ourselves, our husband, our wife, and our children, our grand-children, and among our greater families and our friends, and Racial kinsmen, as these memories Rightly should, our being ever better for it, by acknowledging this Blessing and Remembrance with a quiet thought of Gratitude and Thanks-Giving, for having the Opportunity to do so and prove their Worthiness in our life.

For this, we are Grateful.