

Prayer Corner 39

Thanks and Giving

By Angie Rebert

This Prayer Corner was originally published as Prayer Corner 21. It has been slightly modified from the original, and a new picture and song have been added.



Image by [Alana Jordan](#) from [Pixabay](#)

Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12

As we near our Thanksgiving holiday, I am thinking about giving thanks, and I am also focusing more on the concept of giving. I ask myself, *what can I give to God so that I am following the desire of Jesus to love others as He has loved me?*

In my pondering time, I have been intrigued with the expanded concept of the word *Thanksgiving*. In the past, I have always focused on the concept of giving thanks for my blessings.

Today I am focusing on the “giving” part—what can I give up to God to follow the desire of Jesus to love one another as He has loved me.

I pray as I ponder the complete meaning of the word Thanksgiving.

Oh my Lord Jesus,
I come before you with
My heart is full of thanksgiving.
I want to give to you.
Dear Jesus, just as you give to me.

Thank you for the gift of life.
I give you my life to use, as you will.

Thank you for loving me.
I give you my love by showing my love to others.

Thank you for abundant food
I will look for ways to give food to those who are hungry.

Thank you for my home, dear Lord
I will look for ways to help the homeless.

Thank you for my family.
I will reach out to encourage families in need.

Thank you, Abba Father, for your patience.
I am trying to be more patient.

Thank you, Precious Jesus, for your forgiveness.
Change my heart, so I can forgive.

I pause, remembering that I am not alone in this prayer. Those of you reading this may think of your own Thanksgivings and also ponder what you are giving up to God and to God's children in the name of Jesus.

I invite you to pray using the format of the prayer above. Read the first line that suggests things you may be thankful for. Replace the second line with your personal thanks to God and ways you want to give your love to everyone.

May your Thanksgiving celebrations be abundant in Thanks and Giving,

Enjoy a beautiful musical expression of giving thanks and giving to others at the link below.

Thanks and Giving

Veliko Lee Bekir

<https://blawenburgchurch.podbean.com/e/prayer-corner-39-thanks-and-giving/>

Here are the lyrics for you to follow:

[Verse 1]

We come to You with open hands
Grateful hearts, a faithful band
You gave us breath, You gave us days
Now we give back in quiet ways

[Chorus]

Thanks and giving, not just words
Living out the truth we've heard
What can we offer, what can we do?
To show the world we walk with You
Thanks and giving, every day
Not just in what we kneel and pray

[Verse 2]

Thank You, Lord, for food and light
We'll feed the ones who face the night
Thank You for our warm, safe space
We'll help someone find their place

[Verse 3]

You gave us love, so freely poured
Now we step out, to serve You more
With every act, both small and true
We say "Thank You," Lord, to You

[Chorus]

Thanks and giving, not just words
Living out the truth we've heard
What can we offer, what can we do?
To show the world we walk with You
Thanks and giving, every day
In every quiet act, we'll stay
Thanks and giving, not just words
We give it all to You
Thanks and giving, every day
In every quiet act... we'll stay
Lord, this is our thanks... and our giving too