

# PC 21 Give Thanks in All Circumstances

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

*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*  
Matthew 25:40 NIV

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In my “pondering time” recently, I was 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 led to focus 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.

And so I begin to pray as I ponder the complete meaning of the word Thanksgiving.

Oh My Lord Jesus,  
I come before you with  
My heart full of thanksgiving.  
I want to be able 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 for 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 be thinking your own thanksgivings and also pondering what you are giving up to God and to God's children, in the name of Jesus.

I invite you to continue in your own praying, using this 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 giving Thanks and Giving,

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

Thanks and Giving: <https://youtu.be/A61P-tjPqQg>

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