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MEC Spotlight

Happy Thanksgiving



During a time of discouragement I was struck by some observations about verses which said Give Thanks. Here is a prayer formed from 22 Samuel 22 , I Chronicles 16 and I Chronicles 23,29.

Lord thank you that

Your deliverance is from strong and heavy circumstances and people. "The Lord is my Rock & my fortress, my deliverer My God, my Rock in whom I take refuge"... were written about Your provision—"in distress, ..saved from Sheol, from death, rescued from violence, those who were against, hated, & were too strong for me

It comes from You and not myself, someone "God in the heavens." Darkness under your feet, brightness before you and further descriptions remind me of Your majesty.

You bring us up to a broader place when we live in righteousness & when we follow you and no other. Your subsequent gift of life and death on the cross provides for me where and when I have failed.

Giving thanks was assigned, owed, continual, given as people called on you. It was made known to others We call on you. Help us to make You known to others.

We thank You because You are Loving, Good, Kind, Everlasting and Faithful. I love it, that You and your deliverance lasts forever.

You gather us together to Give thanks and to glory & rejoice in Your praise. Thank you for other believers & for the times we gather together to praise You; especially for worship, study of Your word, breaking bread together & the real stories of victory & Praise. Remind us to give thanks in the morning, evening, the celebrations and regularly. You are faithful You deserve it.

Thank you for organization, for sons & daughters, for brothers & sisters, for ancestors, for descendants and those you put in our life to care for & teach.

We recognize that even what we give is from you .We are grateful that You test us and cleanse us. When in need, we can come to You and Your word and You change our hearts to be willing and joyful. We lift willing, upright and joyful hearts to You.

Join Us in Prayer

Don't forget to send us prayer requests for our upcoming Prayer Initiative for your city, county, sheriff's department, and local

Thank God for a successful mentor training on Nov 17th. Pray for successful match's and mentoring relationships.



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Thanksgiving Proclamation

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.



In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

*No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of **Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.** And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.*



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth. By the President: Abraham Lincoln William H. Seward, Secretary of State

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