**Thanksgiving Gratitude**



# 1 Chronicles 16:34

# Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Thanksgiving Bible Verses – meditate on a thanksgiving verse each day

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| **Monday Oct 1** | I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30 |
| **Tuesday Oct 2** | For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 1 Timothy 4:4 |
| **Wednesday Oct 3** | Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Psalm 95:2-3 |
| **Thursday Oct 4** | For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 |
| **Friday Oct 5** | In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4 |
| **Saturday Oct 6** | Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 |
| **Sunday Oct 7** | The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7 |

**A Thanksgiving Prayer**

**Lord of seed time and harvest**,

Each year you offer us your rhythm,

the gift of times and seasons.

Time to sow and time to plant

new plans and projects in the soils of our lives.

Time also to gather and celebrate the fruits of our labours

and the seeds of hope for our future

Lord of seed time and harvest,

grant us the grace of glad and generous hearts.

AMEN

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# Gratitude Jar - a *‘building faith at home’* activity

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**At home:**

Several weeks before Thanksgiving, decorate a jar or vase and put it in a prominent place. Provide slips of paper with the words “I am thankful for...” printed on them. Leave markers and pencils with the paper at the jar.

As Thanksgiving approaches, encourage family members to record what they are thankful for, sign the paper and put it in the jar. Small children can draw a picture of what they are thankful for, or get help from someone older. There is no limit as to how many each person can contribute.

At your thanksgiving meal, open the jar and read the many blessings that have been recorded there. Pray together.

**Dear God:**

**We give thanks to you and proclaim your greatness. We remember the good things you have done for us and have shared them together. We give thanks to you because you are good. Your faithful loves endures forever. AMEN.**

**If visitors are coming:**

Alert visiting family and friends to your before they arrive. Allow them time to contribute to the jar, perhaps while dinner is cooking.

**Sharing with Others**

*Serving Christ together at Stanley Park Baptist Church*

* Take the brown paper bag provided. **Fill it with non-perishable food** to be donated to the Food Bank. *(check the list attached to the bag to see what is needed)*



* **Bring it back** to the church. We will take all donations to the food bank.
* **Pray** that those who receive this food will know God’s goodness in their lives.
* **NOTE: last year we gave 381 lbs of food. Can we do better this year?**

Donations accepted **Sept 30th** and **Oct 7th.**

Bring your bags to the church platform each Sunday as an act of worship to God.

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