

In Everything Give Thanks!

Ponder: Being thankful during this pandemic.

Scripture: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV).

During this lockdown it would be easy to become discouraged and forget to count our blessings and be thankful. Obviously we should begin by giving thanks to God, but as we do that we ought to give thanks for the people around us who are helping us through this time, and give thanks TO them as well.

My wife and I went after groceries and medicine today. I'm thankful to God for the people who are working at grocery stores, pharmacies, and other places. This morning as the lady at the store was checking me out, I thanked her for staying open so we could get what we needed.

I'm also thankful for the truck drivers who transport the merchandise to the stores. By the way, that includes the fuel we use in our automobiles. A member of our congregation drives a tanker truck. Thank you, Doug, for the long hours and hard work you put in so we can have fuel for our vehicles.

I'm also thankful for our first responders. A member of our congregation is an RN who works with a care flight helicopter. Thank you, Dusty for putting yourself at risk to help us in times of need.

And let's not forget our military. They are at risk for this virus as well, but they still serve our country to safeguard our freedom. A member of our congregation serves in the Navy. Thank you, Kelby, and please tell your shipmates thank you as well.

Obviously we should be thankful for the doctors, nurses, lab techs, and others who are at high risk but carry out their duty on the front lines of this battle. That includes people caring for our furry friends that comfort us in difficult times. Thank you, Dr. Paul and Dr. Denna.

No doubt you can think of many others who deserve a thank-you, and for whom we ought to give thanks to God. So let's count our blessings and be thankful. That's God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

Song: "When Upon Life's Billows" (Count Your Blessings)

Prayer: Father, You are always worthy of our profound thanks. Help us to remember that at all times, especially during this pandemic. We pray it will run its course soon. In Jesus' name, Amen.