

Thanksgiving for Our Stories

Thanksgiving
November 21, 2021

"We set apart this day as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to God for His goodness and favor that He has shown to us. We all can see that God has blessed us with these many acts. May God help us to honor Him with our bodies and souls and live our lives in reverence to Him." 1st Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1676

Thanksgiving for God's Voice in Our World

Jonah 1:1 *The word of the LORD came to Jonah...*

Matthew 4:4 *"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

Thanksgiving for God's Rescue in Our Ruin

Jonah 1:2 *Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it...*

Romans 3:21-25 *But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood - to be received by faith.*

Thanksgiving for God's Providence in Our Path

Jonah 1:17 *Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah...*

Psalms 37:23-24 *The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.*

Thanksgiving for God's Presence in Our Pain

Jonah 2:2 *In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me...*

Psalms 23:4-5 *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

Thanksgiving for God's Provision in Our Poverty

Jonah 2:8-9 *"Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them... I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.' "*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Thanksgiving for God's Relenting in Our Repentance

Jonah 3:10 *When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented...*

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Thanksgiving for God's Patience in Our Pettiness

Jonah 4:4 *But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"*

Jeremiah 17:7-8 *"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

Thanksgiving for God's Passion for All People

Jonah 4:11 *And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh?*

John 3:16; 7:37-38 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life... Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*

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