

Sir Knights:

Happy Thanksgiving my fellow Sir Knights and Brothers! I pray this article finds you happy, healthy, and well! I would like to use this article to show where and why in our beliefs that we should be thankful. Now in case you are unaware, these articles are to be submitted to the editors two (2) months in advance. Therefore when you get ahold of this article, I was sitting at my computer authoring it on Tuesday 29 September. Sometimes when you read these articles, and they feel a little vague, or generalized, that is the reason. Thankfully (See staying with the Thanksgiving theme!) this is not the case, as I am going to use direct Bible quotes to show where our Father, his son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost discuss thankfulness and how our thoughts, lives and actions should always reflect being thankful for what we have been given, and how we can help and support others by these principles. So if you are lucky enough to being spending this time with friends and or family, or are isolated due to events in the world (Job, COVID-19, Military Service ... etc.) please take a moment to reflect on these versus and find contentment and peace.

- "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34
- "Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when farmers plow and thresh, they should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest." 1 Corinth. 9:10
- "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Psalm 95:1-3
- "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

- "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
 Colossians 4:2
- "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4
- "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11
- "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5
- "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7
- "But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'" Jonah 2:9
- "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." Psalm 28:7
- "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High." Psalm 50:14
- "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Take some time to read these versus, and find hope and joy in what our God offers to us. We as Knights Templar can sometimes become burdened with the weight of this world, and I hope I can lift some of that with this small article. Go with God and remember Navare operam Quid impedit (Latin: Do your duty, come what may.)

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