

NOVEMBER 27, 2025
THANKSGIVING DAY



Giving praise and thanks to the Lord.

THANKSGIVING DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day observances.

Thursday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Rejoice in what God has given
	Psalms 100	Make a joyful noise
	Philippians 4:4-9	Pray with thanksgiving
	John 6:24-35	Jesus is the bread of life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. **Psalms 100:4-5 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:

God of grace and mercy, help us to be aware of your goodness and presence in our lives that we may have thankful hearts through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and that you are our strength and protection, nurturing us with love and mercy all our days. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a thankful heart.



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HYMN FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

*Praise God, from
Whom All Blessings Flow*



THANKSGIVING DAY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you think about the past year, what are you thankful for?
- How do you express your thanks and praise to God?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 100.

For Christians, honoring Thanksgiving Day focuses on God's goodness to us while acknowledging our need for mercy in our relationships and treatment of others. In both the American colonies and in Canada, there is a history of some of the earliest settlers from Europe giving thanks to God for safe passage and for a fall harvest in the New World. A deeper look at that collective history also reveals an unfair treatment of the indigenous people who had been living on the continent for thousands of years. With humility, we join the psalmist in declaring joy and gladness with singing. Our lives have received the protection and mercy of God, "for the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever" (v. 5). It is God's faithfulness that gets us through both lean times and times of bountiful harvests with a divine goodness and mercy that will never end. Joy and gladness for the goodness of God leads us to give thanks and to strive for justice and mercy for all.

Discuss: How do you show thanks for God's goodness?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for your goodness that knows no end; may our joy and gladness be filled with mercy for all through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Thanksgiving Day Bible Readings and theme for this day, who do you know that may be alone on Thanksgiving Day and how can you reach out to that person?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



A thankful heart is a way of life, not just a one-day recollection. Cut out a paper heart. On one side, make a list of the ways God cares for you. On the other side, identify ways you can show God's love for others. Read and think or talk about both lists on Thanksgiving Day.

Then pray: **God of justice and mercy, we thank you for your care for us. Give us thankful hearts that reach out to others with love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

