A Thanksgiving

For summer rain, and winter's sun,
For autumn breezes crisp and sweet;
For labors doing, to be done,
And labors all complete;
For April, May, and lovely June,
For bud, and bird, and berried vine;
For joys of morning, night, and noon,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For loving friends on every side;
For children full of joyous glee;
For all the blessed Heavens wide,
And for the sounding sea;
For mountains, valleys, forests deep;
For maple, oak, and lofty pine;
For rivers on their seaward sweep,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For light, and air, for sun and shade,
For merry laughter and for cheer;
For music and the glad parade
Of blessings through the year;
For all the fruitful earth's increase,
For home, and life, and love divine,
For, hope, and faith, and perfect peace,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

- John Kendrick Bangs, 1862-1922 -



"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people."
- 1 Chronicles 16:8 -

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."
- Psalm 68:19 -

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."
- Psalm 92:1 -

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."
- Psalm 100:4 -

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Ephesians 5:20 -

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving to God and the Father by him."
- Colossians 3:17 -

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -

Who does not thank for little will not thank for much. – Estonian Proverb

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News & Notes

5th SUNDAY QUESTIONS: If you have a Bible question you would like Bro. Rico to study and consider for a Bible answer, please submit to him in writing by tonight.

SURGERY SCHEDULED: Tomorrow for **Kita Miller** (Heart Valve replacement). Pray for her, the medical staff, and her family.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: None this week. The last meeting for Bears will be Tuesday, Dec. 1st. Suspended for Winter.

CONVERT'S CLASS: None this week. Resumes Thursday, Dec. 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

PANTRY: Macaroni & cheese.

REMEMBER THE SICK & SHUT-INS: ***UPMC:*** Lois Hissom, 200 Lothrop St., Room 12D-48, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. ***At Home:*** Noni Scadden, Randy Beagle, Donna Stevens, Scharlotte Jones.

FOX: Patty McCullough, Marlene Evans (Pepperberry), Mary Johnson.

SERRA, Weirton: Jean Haught (Skip's mother).

ELSEWHERE: Kita Miller, Rebecca Henderson, Rea Sellers, David Wilson, Nancy Hadley, Sue Baumgardner, Brenda Harris, Christy Claypool, Jackie Brown, Brett Thompson, Herman McHan.

-- The Devil and Thanksgiving --

There's an old European story about a traveler who came upon a barn where the Devil had stored seeds which he planned to sow in the hearts of people. There were bags of seeds variously marked "Hatred," "Fear," "Lust," "Despair," "Unforgiveness," "Envy," "Greed," " Drunkenness."

Out of the shadows, the Devil appeared and struck up a conversation with the traveler. He gleefully told the traveler how easily the seeds sprouted in the hearts of men and women everywhere.

"Tell me," the traveler asked, "are there any hearts in which these seeds will not sprout?"

Glancing about carefully, the Devil shyly confessed, "These seeds will never sprout in the heart of a kind, generous, thankful and joy-filled person."

- Author Unknown

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Daily 12:30-12:35 p.m.
On WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM