

Dear Friends,

Let us give thanks to God! At my house, thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays. We really enjoy the gathering of loved ones for an amazingly tasty meal of thanks. Our traditions include having our children help us make special thanksgiving place cards and set the table with our best dishes and cloth napkins (everything seems special with cloth napkins!). We all take turns sharing three things we want to thank God for. We also read Psalm 100. In addition to our thanksgiving day celebration, we also try to have an attitude of gratitude during the entire month of November. One way to focus on giving God thanks is to use your November calendar to write something you are thankful for each day. You can also use that idea as a conversation starter. Ask your family what they are thankful for as you are driving in your car or at the dinner table.

May you have a blessed thanksgiving season.

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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ideas for living thankfully

TWO KERNELS OF CORN

After dinner is cleared, but before dessert is served, place two kernels of dried Indian corn in front of each person. The corn represents the first Thanksgiving. The pilgrims had survived a very difficult year and were thankful that God had brought them through. Pass around a basket. The person who holds the basket shares two blessing he or she is thankful for.



Thanksgiving Service Projects



Food Pantry— as you are shopping for your thanksgiving dinner ingredients, buy extra items to bring to your local food pantry.

Donating clothes and toys— help your family gather, clean and collect toys and clothes that they have outgrown to donate to those in need. Share our blessings.



Thanksgiving Place Setting

Use a paint pen to write, "Thank you, God for (person's name)" on pressed leaves. Place one on each plate. Simple and true.

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