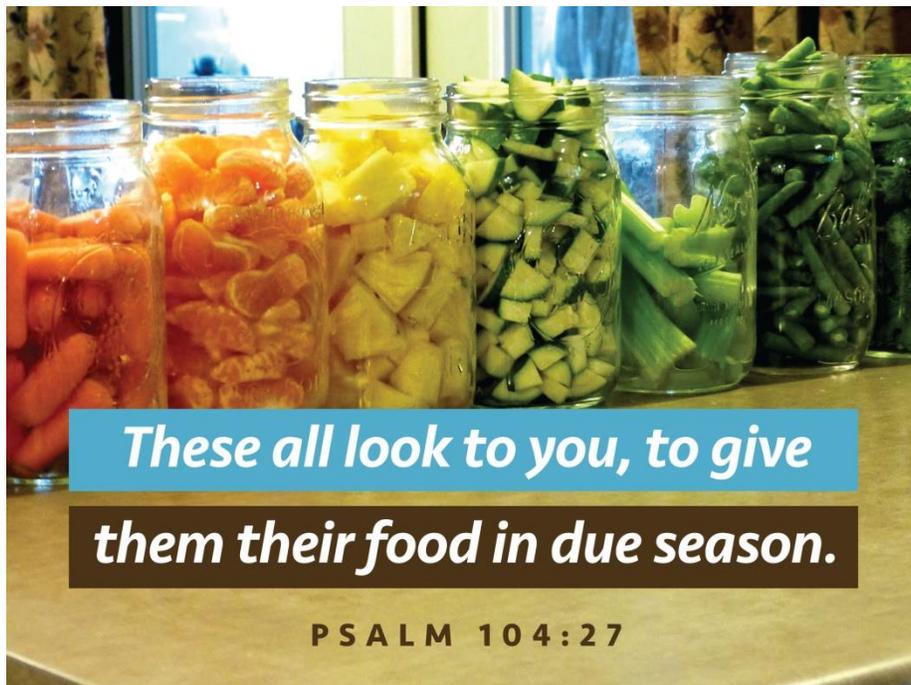




Thanksgiving
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Oh, Give Thanks unto the LORD for He is Good!

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Hymn of Thanksgiving

CW: 609

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Service of Light

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: **and the day is almost over.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

C: **and hear our evening hymn of praise.**

“O Gracious Light”

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, And blest are you, his only Son.

2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God Who dwells in the eternal light.

3 Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life-giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth And in the highest heav'n adored.

The First “Thanksgiving”

Genesis 8: 13-22

By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. 14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry. 15 Then God said to Noah, 16 “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.” 18 So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.

21 The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Hymn of Thanksgiving

CW: 612

1 Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

2 All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores,
Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain -
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

4 As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."

A Simple & Sincere Thank-you

Psalms 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

CW: 334

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Thankful for Our Future

2 Peter 3: 12b-13

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

CW: 220

1 O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis your Savior, 'Tis your Savior, On his bright returning way.

3 Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my humble station, Watching for you till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior, In your bright, your promised, land,

We're the Leper Not the Lord

Luke 17: 11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Hymn of Thanksgiving

CW: 610

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

P: May the Sovereign Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us! Amen!