Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Bible teaches several truths about offering praise and thanksgiving to God: The Lord is worthy of praise (Ps. 96:4). Everything that has breath should praise the Lord (Ps. 150:6). And God's name should be praised continually (Heb. 13:15) to the ends of the earth (Ps. 48:10). Here are five ways to begin celebrating God's greatness today.

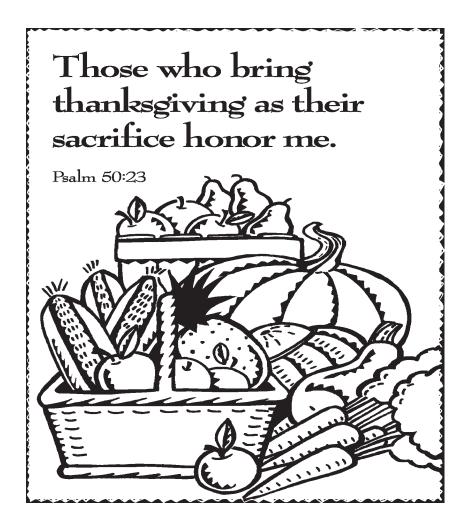
- 1. Praise God's character: holy (1 Pet. 1:16), compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loving, faithful (Ex. 34:6), merciful, forgiving (Dan. 9:9), mighty, all-knowing (Ps. 147:5), unchanging, (Heb. 1:12), trustworthy (2 Sam. 7:28), and eternal (Gen. 21:33).
- 2. Meditate on God's names: Almighty (Rev. 1:8), I Am (Jn. 8:58), Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35), Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6), Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11), Immanuel (Isa. 7:14), King of Kings, Lord of Lords (1 Tim. 6:15), Messiah (Jn. 1:41), and Redeemer (Job 19:25).
- 3. Give thanks for God's promises: eternal life (Jn. 3:16), forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), peace (Jn. 14:27), refuge (Ps. 5:11), rest (Matt. 11:28), strength (2 Sam. 22:33), courage (Matt. 14:27), comfort (Ps. 23), and enduring love (1 Chron. 16:34).
- **4. Offer gratitude for God's creations:** heavens, earth, day, night, sky, land, seas, vegetation, living creatures, men, women, and children (Gen. 1-4).
- 5. Praise God for blessings received: Jesus (Lk. 1:26-38), the Lord's presence (Matt. 28:20), the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26), the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16), prayer (Matt. 6:9), spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:6-8), family and friends (Luke 1:58), pastors (Eph. 3:8), churches (Acts 16:15), faith, hope, love (1 Cor. 13:13), health (1 Sam. 25:6), and work (Jn. 5:17).



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8 God, thank you for serving as our rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation, and stronghold. Ps. 18:2	9 God, thank you for giving rest to people who are weary and burdened. Matt. 11:28	10 God, thank you for being our refuge and strength, an ever- present help in times of trouble. Ps. 46:1	11 God, thank you for the compassion, comfort, guidance, and protection you provide. 2 Cor. 1:3	12 God, we give thanks, for you are good; your love endures forever. 1 Chron. 16:34	13 God, thank you for enabling us to trust in you and lean not on our own under- standing. Prov. 3:5	14 God, thank you for our Savior Jesus Christ who brings peace, good news, and salvation to all who believe. Isa. 52:7-10
15 God, we praise you for Jesus, the Word who became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth. Jn. 1:1-14	16 God, thank you for your unbreakable promise that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. Matt. 28:20	17 God, thank you for your sovereignty, unlimited power, greatness, and presence in our lives. Dan. 7:27	18 God, thank you for the marvelous joy that comes from walking in the light of your presence. Ps. 89:15	19 God, thank you for sending us the Holy Spirit, who empowers, comforts, coun- sels, and teaches us all things. Jn. 14:26	20 God, thank you for the love that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Rom. 5:5	21 God, thank you for the many different times and ways you answer our prayers. Jn. 15:7
22 God, thank you for blessing us with different spiritual gifts, which may be used to joyfully serve you. Rom. 12:6-8	23 God, thank you for the gift of prayer and the opportunity it pro- vides to develop a personal relation- ship with you. Jer. 29:12-13	24 God, thank you for choosing us before the foundation of the world to be your treasured people. Eph. 1:4; Deut. 7:6	25 God, thank you for blessing us with friends and family who love, encourage, comfort, and rejoice with us. Lk. 1:58	26 God, thank you for pastors who answer your call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Eph. 3:8	27 God, thank you for equipping us to do good works in your name. Eph. 2:10	28 God, thank you for the abundant life and joy we experience in Jesus Christ. Jn. 10:10
29 God, we offer praise and thanksgiving for every good and perfect gift comes from you. Jas. 1:17	30 God, we give you thanks for nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ. Rom. 8:35	31 God, thank you for your many promises revealed through Scripture that give us hope. Rom. 5:1-5				www.ngumc.org