A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

# Thirty Days *of* Thanksgiving to God

*A devotional and thanksgiving journal*

BAKERSFIELD Gives Thanks

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# Let us be the one

Thanksgiving to God is at the heart of Bakersfield Gives Thanks. We honour Him for who He is and remember His goodness toward us, our families, and our community.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus met ten men with leprosy. As they followed His instruction, they were cleansed. Yet only one returned to glorify God and give thanks at Jesus' feet. His response challenges us to remember the Giver when we receive His gifts.

We are determined to be that one. Thanksgiving should go beyond a casual "thank you." We return to the Lord with grateful hearts, acknowledging His mercy and recounting His faithfulness.

The psalmist declares: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1, KJV). Let this invitation guide our thirty days together.

# Thanksgiving with intention

For the time you set aside with this devotional, let thanksgiving be your prayer. Set your requests aside and give a thoughtful account of God's goodness. Thank Him for who He is and what He has done.

Each day, read the Scripture and consider the thanksgiving thought. The thought is intentionally short so that you have ample time to meditate on the Scripture and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you through it and bring to light specific ways you have experienced God's goodness. Give Him thanks aloud, in song, or quietly from your heart. You can go further by recording a blessing in the journal space, then checking the box when you have completed the day.

On difficult days, remember blessings you might otherwise overlook: daily provision, God's grace, the encouragement of others, and His presence in challenging situations. Name them before Him with sincere gratitude.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2, KJV). Keep counting His blessings, one by one, until your heart is full of gratitude.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Thanksgiving: Access code to God's presence

SCRIPTURE

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

PSALM 100:4

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# If you can ask God, you can thank God

SCRIPTURE

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

PSALM 50:14

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Put your lips to work: the right way

SCRIPTURE

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

HEBREWS 13:15

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we enter into His presence

SCRIPTURE

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

PSALM 100:4

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we nourish our bodies

SCRIPTURE

For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.

1 TIMOTHY 4:4

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# During Holy Communion

SCRIPTURE

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

MARK 14:22

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# At the beginning of a milestone event

SCRIPTURE

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

2 CHRONICLES 5:13

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When understanding of mysteries is given

SCRIPTURE

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

MATTHEW 11:25

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When wisdom and knowledge are obtained

SCRIPTURE

I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

DANIEL 2:23

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When God hears our prayer

SCRIPTURE

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

JOHN 11:41

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When what you have is small compared to the challenge

SCRIPTURE

And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

MATTHEW 14:19

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we sing

SCRIPTURE

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

PSALM 147:7

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we are tempted to worry

SCRIPTURE

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When the grace of God is evident

SCRIPTURE

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we are in difficult situations

SCRIPTURE

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

PSALM 69:30

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# For triumphant victories

SCRIPTURE

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we see true repentance

SCRIPTURE

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

ROMANS 6:17

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we partake of His promises

SCRIPTURE

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

COLOSSIANS 1:12

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# When praying for other believers

SCRIPTURE

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

ROMANS 1:8

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When we pray for rulers, presidents, and all those in authority

SCRIPTURE

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

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# While performing our sacred or secular endeavors

SCRIPTURE

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When others are a blessing to us

SCRIPTURE

For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

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TODAY'S THOUGHT - WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

# When you remember who God is

SCRIPTURE

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

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# When we testify of His wonders

SCRIPTURE

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

PSALM 26:7

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Gratitude: Keep it steady

SCRIPTURE

Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

COLOSSIANS 2:7

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Stay thankful. Keep counting your blessings

SCRIPTURE

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

EPHESIANS 5:20

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Are you God-minded and gratitude-minded?

SCRIPTURE

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# Stay thankful
# Prayer + Thanksgiving = Peace of mind

SCRIPTURE

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

# No vacuum
# Fill it with thanks

SCRIPTURE

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

PHILIPPIANS 2:14

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

Thanksgiving to God should go beyond a casual "thank you."

It is a consistent and intentional act of giving thanks lavishly as we enter His presence, counting our blessings one by one until our hearts are full of gratitude.

SCRIPTURE

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PSALM 100:4

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