Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.  
Psalm 107:1

1) Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.  ~ Psalm 95:1-2

2) I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.  ~ Psalm 69:30

3) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  ~ Psalm 100:1 & 4

4) Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  ~ Ephesians 5:20

5) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him…  ~ Romans 8:28

6) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  ~ Philippians 4:6-7

7) Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.  ~ 1Thessalonians 5:18

8) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  ~ Colossians 3:17

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Our Father in heaven, thank you for......  
Please help me to live a life of thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving

We live in a culture which focuses on the negative

Yet God is at work, doing great things, all around us. He wants us to have a heart of gratitude.

Read verses numbered 1 – 8.

Suggested Songs that can be interspersed with verses:

- To God Be the Glory
- This is My Father’s World
- Redeemed
- I will Sing of My Redeemer
- Jesus Saves
- Wonderful Words of Life
- In My Heart There Rings A Melody

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1~ Psalm 95:1-2
2~ Psalm 69:30
3~ Psalm 100:1 & 4 Let us come to the Lord with a heart of gratitude. Let us come to the Lord with a heart of gratitude.

4~ Ephesians 5:20 How?
5~ Romans 8:28 Therefore
6~ Philippians 4:6-7
7~ 1Thessalonians 5:18 --- It is a way of life that can only be realized by knowing, loving and following Jesus
8~ Colossians 3:17

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What are some things for which we can thank God?

- Answered prayer
- A person sharing a smile, gift, a kind word
- A person remaining silent when they could have done harm with their words
- Any story in the Bible about Jesus
- Any story in the Bible about someone who did good/ someone who found strength or help or mercy from the Lord
- A person you know who has helped someone in need
- A church service that edifies and helps us love Jesus and people more
- An evil person who has a change of heart (repentance)
- A parent denying themselves pleasures and freedom for the sake of their children
- A child restraining from personal desires for the sake of honoring parents
- A person who gives their heart to Jesus and determines to follow Him
- A husband or wife loving each other through rich/poor, health/sickness, good times / difficult times
- The kindness of a nurse or a fellow resident
- Shelter from the winter cold / summer heat / rain / snow
- Food on our tables, Running water, Clothing
- The opportunity to be a blessing to someone/neighbor
- The hope that we share in Jesus / Heaven / grace
- The righteousness of Jesus given to the repentant believer
- The total and complete forgiveness of sins from Jesus
- The privilege to be called a child of God

These blessings will rarely be talked about on our TVs, in our newspapers, but we desperately need to hear of them. God calls us to:

- Watch for them
- Think about them / meditate on them
- Talk about them
- Thank Him for such things!

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