

Dear K.C.P.D. family,

It is such a pleasure to write a devotional to you, especially at this time of year as we take the month of November to recall all that we have to be thankful for.

For you, what comes to mind when you think about Thanksgiving Day that we will celebrate this week? For many of us, it would probably be turkey. After all, it's the centerpiece of our traditional celebration. As family and friends gather around the table, we generally offer a sincere prayer of gratitude to God for all His blessings before enjoying the food and fellowship. But what comes after dessert? For some people, it's a football game. Others start planning for Christmas shopping the next day. Although Thanksgiving always ends, our expressions of gratitude to God should continue throughout our daily lives. However, what we should consider is being people who give thanks to God every day and allow that to motivate us to look for God's purpose in everything. It helps us to reflect on the apostle Paul's instructions to give thanks in every circumstance, without exception in 1 Thessalonians. 5:12-18 "12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

In closing, take time to reflect on what you are thankful for. Please know that your family, your community, and your chaplains are very thankful for you! It is because of you we can safely celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. We can't thank you enough for the sacrifices you are making! Your Chaplain's do as the Apostle Paul stated in scripture, "pray continually" for you and your families. Please reach out to us should you need anything.

God Bless,

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