

Month of Prayer and Intercession

This list gives suggestions for each day of the month to help you discover God's gifts and offer prayers of thanks each day.

Be Ye Thankful!

Day

- 1. The God who Never Changes:** Hebrews 13:8 tells us that God never changes, and Lamentations 3:22-23 says God's love never ceases and mercies are new every morning. Give thanks for God's faithfulness and love for you.
- 2. Jesus Christ:** On this Communion Sunday, come to church to share at the Lord's Table and celebrate God's plan for your salvation. Thank God for Jesus Christ and his sacrifice on the Cross and the gift of eternal life. If you have not discovered that gift, pray and ask God to forgive your sins because of Jesus' sacrifice and to receive you as God's child. If you make this commitment, why not call the pastor to share your commitment? (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Peter 1:3)
- 3. Spiritual Mentors:** Make a list of people who have taught about and have shown you God's love. Thank God for them and pray to grow in Christ to be a mentor to others. Pray for missionaries and leaders who are spreading the Gospel of Christ to others. (Isaiah 53:3-5; Acts 4:12)
- 4. Life:** Thank God for giving you the gift of physical life. If your parents are alive, thank them for bringing you to life, as well. (Acts 17:25)
- 5. Family:** Thank God for your family members: parents, siblings, extended family. Make a list of family members who have made a difference in your life and send them a note or make a call to thank them, as well. (Exodus 20:12; Acts 16:31-34; Psalm 127:1-5)
- 6. Talents:** Make a list of the talents and gifts you have received from God. They don't have to be perfect to be talents. Thank God for what you have received and commit yourself to enriching your gifts and using them for God's glory. (1 Corinthians 7:7; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 4:10)
- 7. Children:** If you have children of your own, thank God for your children and for God's promise to seek them and bring them to faith. If you have no children of your own, thank God for those who care for children who have no parents and pray they will receive strength to continue. (Psalm 127:3-5; Matthew 18:10)

8. **Freedom:** Thank God for the freedom live and to worship and speak the name of Jesus. Give thanks for those who have given of themselves to preserve your freedom and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for the name of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 3:17; John 8:36)
9. **Teachers:** Make a list and give thanks for teachers—school, Sunday school, and other people who have poured their knowledge into your life. Send a note or message to thank them once again for their assistance. (2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 10:24; Galatians 6:6)
10. **Home:** Whether an apartment or a home, owned or rented, or even a dorm room, give thanks to God for the place you call home. Make a list of the good things in your safe place and pray for people who don't have a place to call home. (Proverbs 24:3-4; Isaiah 32:18;)
11. **Medical Care:** Sometimes we need extra help for our bodies and minds. Pray for that help and thank God for the improvements in medicine and your access to it. Pray for doctors and nurses and all caregivers who care for others that God will give them wisdom and strength. Pray for researchers for wisdom to find new treatments.
12. **Senses:** Think about the senses God provides to us: vision, touch, hearing, taste, smell. Thank God for the senses you have and take a moment to experience God's creation through them. (1 John 1:1-4)
13. **Abundant Joy:** Thank God for joy that you feel even things aren't going the way you planned, for assurance that God is with you even in the midst of struggles.
14. **First Responders:** Thank God for EMTs, Police, Firefighters, and other first responders who care for the hurting, protect the innocent, and make our community a better place to live. Pray for their protection, wisdom, and peace in the midst of trauma.
15. **Friends:** Make a list of friends who have impacted your life. Thank God for them and pray for God to deepen their spiritual lives that they might experience God's joy and peace. Let your friends know specific things they have done for which you are thankful. (Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

16. **Separated Friendships:** Make a list of people with whom you are no longer in contact, for whatever reason. Try to remember what made you friends in the first place. Thank God for those things and pray for grace and mercy for both of you. (Colossians 3:13; Luke 23:34; Matthew 5:24; 1 Peter 4:8)
17. **Ability to Work:** Thank God for employment and skills and the ability to make a living. Pray for your employer to be blessed, as well, financially and spiritually. If you don't have employment currently, thank God for His promise to provide for you. (Philippians 4:19; Philippians 4:13)
18. **Laughter:** Thank God for the ability to laugh and enjoy yourself. Make a list of things that make you laugh and keep it handy for when you are feeling down. (Psalm 126:2; Proverbs 17:22)
19. **Church Family:** Think about the people in your church and what they mean to you. Thank God for them and pray for God's blessings and strength. Let them know that you appreciate them. (Psalm 68:6; Romans 12:5)
20. **Community:** Thank God for the community where you live and work. Thank God for leaders who make decisions that they will strengthen the community and pray for them to have strength, wisdom, and compassion for their citizens. (Jer. 29:7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
21. **Food and Drink:** Thank God for your daily food and drink, remembering that throughout the world people have very little or no food and no clean water to drink. In your thankfulness, consider showing it by contributing to help resolve others' hunger and thirst. (Ecclesiastes 9:7)
22. **Material Blessings:** Take inventory of the blessings you have received and again thank God and others who have provided them. Consider going through these things and sharing them with someone else who has received less than you. (Matthew 6:31-32; Hebrews 13:5)
23. **God's Grace:** One person said Grace means **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Thank God for the gift of eternal life at Jesus' cost. Thank God for the grace that is new every moment of every day. (Romans 3:22-24)
24. **Forgiveness:** Thank God for forgiving your sins and ask God to help you forgive others. (Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:12).

- 25. Neighbors:** Thank God for your physical neighbors and pray for their needs. If you don't know your neighbors, why not meet them and invite them to church? Ask God to show you how to bless them. Thank them for things they have done for you. (Mark 12:31; 1 Corinthians 10:24)
- 26. The Bible:** Thank God for the Bible and all that is in it. Ask God to give you a greater hunger and thirst for the Word and the wisdom to understand as God speaks to you through it. In thankfulness, why not join a Bible study, Sunday school class, or pick up a devotional? (Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 19:7, 119:105)
- 27. Our Country:** Even though it isn't everything it could be, take time to thank God for this country and its leaders, making a list of ways you are blessed by living here. Pray for our leaders to submit to and seek guidance from God. (Romans 13:1; Proverbs 19:21)
- 28. Protection:** Thank God for protecting you from temptation and helping you make good choices each day. Pray and ask forgiveness for the times you have fallen short and thank God that you are forgiven. (2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 17:8; Philippians 4:13)
- 29. Church Building:** List things in the church facility for which you are thankful, such as the stained-glass windows that inspire you, warmth in winter and cool in summer, leaders to guide, a place of safety and encouragement, a place to pray and celebrate God's care. Pray for those who don't have a church home or know God's grace and forgiveness, that they will see your faith and your church as a place to find hope. (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:1; Psalm 150:1-6)
- 30. Holy Spirit:** Thank God for the work the Spirit has done and is continuing to do in your heart, mind, and life. Make a list of the changes God has made in your life and pray for grace to continue on the journey. (2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 1:6; Isaiah 26:3; Romans 12:2)
- 31. Listen in Prayer:** Spend this day listening as God brings to mind things we haven't thought about and asking God to lead and guide.

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