

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Bible Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land with streams that flow from springs in the valleys and hills. ⁸⁻⁹ You can dig for copper in those hills, and the stones are made of iron ore. And you won't go hungry. Wheat and barley fields are everywhere, and so are vineyards and orchards full of fig, pomegranate, and olive trees, and there is plenty of honey.

¹⁰ After you eat and are full, give praise to the LORD your God for the good land he gave you. ¹¹ Make sure that you never forget the LORD or disobey his laws and teachings that I am giving you today. If you always obey them, ¹² you will have plenty to eat, and you will build good houses to live in. ¹³ You will get more and more cattle, sheep, silver, gold, and other possessions.

¹⁴ But when all this happens, don't be proud! Don't forget that you were once slaves in Egypt and that it was the LORD who set you free. ¹⁵ Remember how he led you in that huge and frightening desert where poisonous snakes and scorpions live. There was no water, but the LORD split open a rock, and water poured out so you could drink. ¹⁶ He also gave you manna, a kind of food your ancestors had never even heard about. The LORD was testing you to make you trust him, so that later on he could be good to you.

¹⁷ When you become successful, don't say, "I'm rich, and I've earned it all myself." ¹⁸ Instead, remember that the LORD your God gives you the strength to make a living. That's how he keeps the promise he made to your ancestors. Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A Celtic Thanksgiving

Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ Remember this saying,
"A few seeds make
a small harvest,
but a lot of seeds make
a big harvest."

⁷ Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel that you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give. ⁸ God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. ⁹ The Scriptures say,

"God freely gives his gifts
to the poor,
and always does right."

¹⁰ God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need. ¹¹ You will be blessed in every way, and you

will be able to keep on being generous. Then many people will thank God when we deliver your gift.

¹² What you are doing is much more than a service that supplies God's people with what they need. It is something that will make many others thank God. ¹³ The way in which you have proved yourselves by this service will bring honor and praise to God. You believed the message about Christ, and you obeyed it by sharing generously with God's people and with everyone else. ¹⁴ Now they are praying for you and want to see you, because God used you to bless them so very much. ¹⁵ Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words! (CEV)

Now Thank We All Our God