

Thanksgiving 2017
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If you were here last year, you may remember that I shared a meditation I had read that morning, in lieu of the homily I had already prepared. Well, this year, the same thing happened. I looked ahead and found what I thought was a good reflection for today. Then this morning, I read what I think is a better one. So here's today's meditation from a book called *A New Day*.

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful heart. **Plutarch**.

Thanksgiving week is special for us in many ways. Because of God's grace, we are able to be reunited with our families and friends. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we gather together in celebration. We know that our warm thoughts and caring behavior toward one another are a true reflection of God's love.

As we participate in the events of the month, we each take time in our own special way to thank God for the blessings He has so freely bestowed. In offering thanksgiving, we're filled with a growing awareness of the abundance in our lives. As we express gratitude for each gift, others come flooding to mind. We are elevated in consciousness, so that we recognize and rediscover His numerous blessings within and around us.

We are grateful that we have been brought together safely. We are grateful for our mutual love and understanding ways. We are grateful for our individual and collective successes. But most of all we are grateful for God's presence – not only during the holiday season, but through all the days of our lives.

Remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.