

SIGNS OF FAITHFULNESS:

Gives Thanks

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2 Corinthians 9:

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

As people of faith, what can we look for as the signs of faithfulness?

Signs of faithfulness include:

- Loves God
- Rejoices in God
- Gives Thanks
- Prays Constantly
- Loves Others

These next few weeks, let us take a look at how we as people of faith can live faithfully.

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Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 118:

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Ephesians 1: 16

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Luke 22:

¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given,
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now,
Let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what,
The Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

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Psalm 104:

¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows it's time for setting.
²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
²² When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
²³ People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

Penny Lane

The Beatles

Penny Lane there is a barber showing photographs
Of every head he's had the pleasure to know
And all the people that come and go
Stop and say "Hello"

On the corner is a banker with a motorcar,
And little children laugh at him behind his back
And the banker never wears a mac
In the pouring rain, very strange

Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes
There beneath the blue suburban skies
I sit, and meanwhile back
In Penny Lane there is a fireman with an hourglass,
And in his pocket is a portrait of the Queen
He likes to keep his fire engine clean,
It's a clean machine

Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes
A four of fish and finger pies
In summer. Meanwhile back
Behind the shelter in the middle of the roundabout
The pretty nurse is selling poppies from a tray
And though she feels as if she's in a play,
She is anyway

In Penny Lane the barber shaves another customer,
We see the banker sitting waiting for a trim,
And then the fireman rushes in
From the pouring rain - very strange

Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes
There beneath the blue suburban skies
I sit, and meanwhile back
Penny Lane is in my ears and in my eyes
There beneath the blue suburban skies
Penny Lane!

Songwriters: John Lennon / John Winston Lennon / Paul McCartney / Paul James McCartney

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Faithful People give thanks for many things:

Think for a moment ... We shall give thanks together.

First ... I want you to think of the top four on your THANKSGIVING LIST: ONE - FOUR

Be prepared to share one item from your own list on the Thanksgiving top four:

(LISTEN to our answers)

Yes ... indeed for the majesty of our Lord!

1. My wife Dena
2. Our Five wonderful children
3. Our beloved Sunrise Church
4. The tail of my Rat Terrier, Rockie Dog!

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SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of our worship
in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for god and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer the call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children
of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and that name which we bear.