

GIVING THANKS

(From a 74 Year Old Man)

SO MANY THINGS I have to be thankful for, to The Lord:

1. For waking me early today, November 26, 2020, to hear the Traditional/Tridentine Latin Mass webcast at St. Gertrude the Great (6:00 AM, PDT) to offer thanks as the first act of the day; ;
2. For all His inestimable blessings and favors showered upon me in abundant measure especially during my times of greatest need;
3. For He has thought of me and loved me from all eternity and formed me out of nothing;¹
4. For He has delivered up His beloved Son to the ignominious death of the cross for my redemption; ²
5. For He has made me a member of His holy, true and faithful Traditional Roman Catholic Church;
6. For He has preserved me from falling into the abyss of eternal misery, when my sins had provoked Him to punish me;³
7. For He has graciously continued to spare me, even though I have not ceased to offend Him.⁴
8. For good health, for He has kept me maintained by only four medications.
9. For keeping me continent in all things. Throughout my life, He has forcibly removed captivating women away from me when my resistance waned. How much more love could He show me?

Thank You, Lord, God the Father for loving me so much. For putting up with me and keeping me as Thine own, in spite of my unworthiness and miserable nature as a sinner. Thank You, Abba, Father for giving us Jesus, Thine Only-Begotten Son, The Holy Ghost, our Blessed Virgin Mother, Thy angels and saints to take care of us for Thee.

Thank You, Lord Jesus for dying for me and staying all this time on the cross to save sinners like me.

Thank You, O Holy Ghost for all Thy incessant provision of Thy gifts, beatitudes and fruits on mankind especially on this undeserving creature.

Thank you, dearest Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary for being our untiring, persistent mother who does not want to lose any of the souls of her children including this troublesome one.

Thank you, all you choirs of angels led by Saints Michael, Raphael and Gabriel for protecting me from all evil all the days of my life;

Thank you, all the phalanx of saints in Heaven led by St. Joseph and my chosen patrons for thine incessant prayers for my salvation and temporal well-being.

What return, O my God, can I make for Thy innumerable blessings, and particularly for the favors of my life? O all ye saints and angels, unite with me in praising the God of mercies, Who is so bountiful in mercy to so unworthy a creature.⁵

¹ Evening Prayer, The New Roman Missal by Fr. Lasance

² idem

³ idem

⁴ idem

⁵ idem