



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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Happy Thanksgiving! I am praying for all of you that you be filled with gratitude for all that God has done for you and your families. I am grateful to God for my spiritual family...YOU!

Whenever I meet truly humble souls, they are always GRATEFUL souls. Like all of us, they have their own share of suffering, or even more than their fair share, but they focus on the good things God has done for them and the bad things from which he has preserved them. The Pilgrims were grateful souls. They survived tremendous hardship on their journey to the new world, and as soon as they could, they celebrated and gave their first fruits back to God! Others in their situation might have cursed the very Lord who gave them the fortitude and wisdom to survive their trials.

If I think of how much energy I spend focusing on problems or challenges, it is, unfortunately, much more than the energy I spend giving thanks to God and to others.

Let's all use this Thanksgiving weekend to refocus on our blessings, talk about them with others, and in this way grow in the Christian virtue of gratitude.

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