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Psalm 100 A Psalm of praise.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all you lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God: it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations.

In the month of November our hearts naturally turn to the theme of thanksgiving. It is tradition, and the tradition is a very good thing. Yet we must always guard against having a form without substance. May this Thanksgiving season be for us a renewal of a heart of daily thanksgiving to our Creator and Redeemer God. Thanksgiving is the key to joy, the power in prayer, and heaven's victory in adversity. *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* is a traditional hymn for the season and may it also be a true testimony of our constant attitude of heart.

Psalm 100:5 gives to us three particular themes of our daily praise and thanksgiving. We bless you LORD for your unending goodness. We glorify you LORD for your everlasting mercy. And we praise you LORD because your truth endures to all generations. May the God of truth who is good and merciful be the joy of your life and the praise of your lips throughout this season and through all the days of your life! *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name!*

Dan Gilmore
District Superintendent

**BLESS THE LORD, O
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NAME!**



Beaverton COTN Sends Crisis Care Kits to Ukraine


Our Crisis Care Kits have been successfully delivered to Kyiv, Ukraine. The Kyiv Church of the Nazarene sent us a heartwarming thank you note along with some photos, . We are honored to have been able to assist in providing relief to those affected by crisis in Ukraine.

Pastor Martin Hodge

Hello. We are Church of the Nazarene in Kyiv, Ukraine. We had crisis care kits from your community. That's very kind and we appreciate your help even if you didn't mean to send those kits to Ukraine. We believe God uses every opportunity when people help others.

People who got these kits are refugees and local people in need. They're very thankful and amazed about this help and care from brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe. We just wanted to say that your donation is very useful and became care kits in a real crisis.





"God is in control,
and therefore in
EVERYTHING

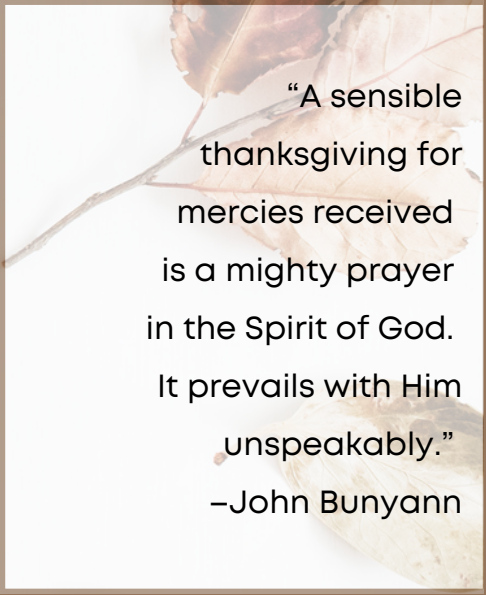
I can give thanks –
not because of the
situation but because
of the One who directs
and rules over it."

-Kay Arthur

"It is only with gratitude that life
becomes rich!"

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"A spirit of thankfulness is one
of the most distinctive marks of
a Christian whose heart is
attuned to the Lord. Thank God
in the midst of trials and every
persecution." Billy Graham



"A sensible
thanksgiving for
mercies received
is a mighty prayer
in the Spirit of God.
It prevails with Him
unspeakably."

-John Bunyann

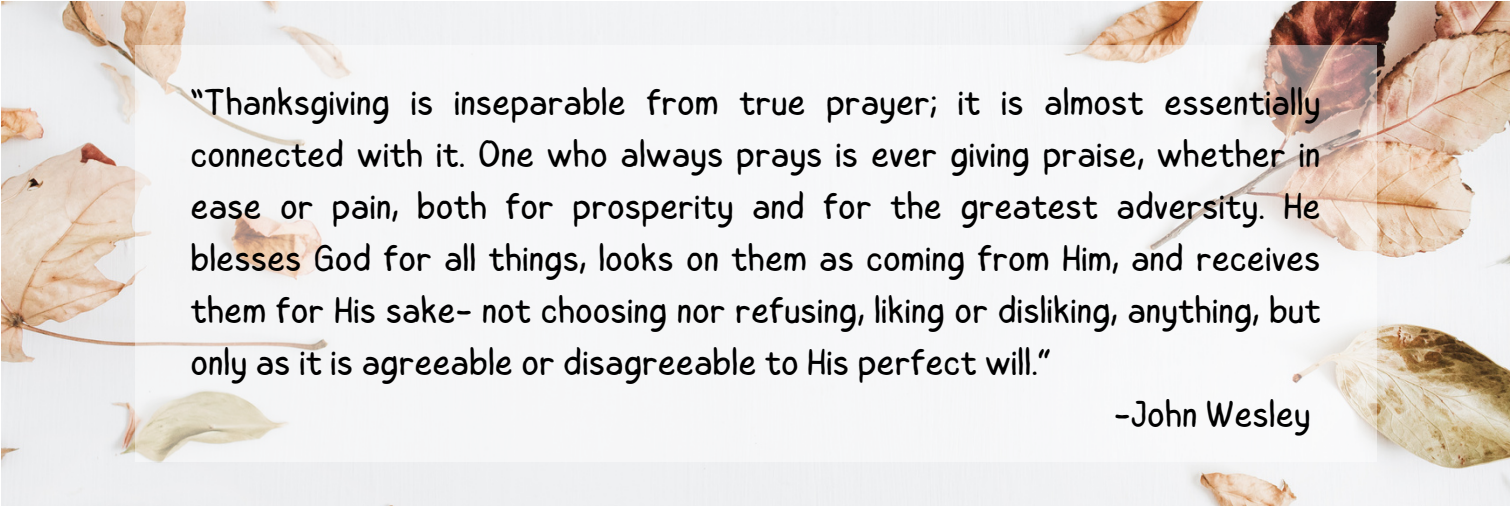


*O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

Psalm 95:1-3

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*



"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will."

-John Wesley

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Dr. Jeff Stark - Let's talk soon!



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November 3
November 10
December 1
December 8

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Offering of Thanks

The Church of the Nazarene's Thanksgiving Offering for the World Evangelism Fund has been a denominational tradition for more than 90 years. Your gifts create and sustain ministries and make it possible to bring Christ's transformational message of hope and salvation to the world through the Church of the Nazarene. The World Evangelism Fund not only provides ministries on the ground with the monies they need, but the money is used to ensure that legal, federal, and support needs are met so that ministries are as safe as possible and can be sustained for years to come.



Materials are available for order or download for the Offering of Thanks by clicking [here](#) and then scrolling through the website. Resources are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5

upcoming events

2023

NOV. 5 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

DEC 2 - DISTRICT PASTORS CHRISTMAS GATHERING
PARK PLACE HOTEL, TRAVERSE CITY

2024

FEB 2-4 WINTER WHITEOUT - CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP, TUSTIN, MI

MAR 2 - DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE - BEAVERTON COTN

APRIL 19-20 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - CLARE COTN

MAY 16-18 REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE

JULY 29-AUG 2 - CHILDREN'S CAMP

AUGUST 2-4 - FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

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