

THANKFUL FOR COMMUNITY

1. Thankful for my community with MY CREATOR. (Psalm 136:1-3)

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever. ²Give thanks to the God of gods, His love endures forever. ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3 (NIV)

- God provides PEACE in every situation. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

- God provides STRENGTH in every situation. (Psalm 46:1)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

- God provides GUIDANCE in every situation. (James 1:5)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5 (NIV)

2. Thankful for my community with my FAMILY. (Proverbs 15:5-6, 20)

A fool spurns a parent's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence. ⁶The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings ruin... ²⁰a wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother."

Proverbs 15:5-6, 20 (NIV)

- My family is my FOUNDATION for life. (Proverbs 22:6)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

- My family is where people CARE about me and HELP me. (Proverbs 17:17)

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

- My family is my greatest opportunity for INFLUENCE. (Ephesians 6:4)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

3. Thankful for my community with my CHURCH. (Philippians 1:3-8)

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-8 (NIV)

- My church is a place where I can GROW. (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)

- My church is a place where I can SERVE. (1 Peter 4:10)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

- My church is a place where I can find and give ACCOUNTABILITY. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NIV)