

## Thank God

**Psalm 29/30:12-To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.** (KJV)

To mightily give thanks to the Lord God is to express and confess heartfelt belief. Thanking the Lord is an expression of belief deep within the heart, mind and soul. All good that comes in life is derived from and occurs because of the Lord God. Focusing the heart, mind and soul on God leads to the wisdom of being grateful. Giving thanks is the way to verify greatest appreciation for the ever-loving God

**Psalm 49/50:14-Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:**(KJV)

Believers clearly confess belief in the Lord as King and as God at Holy Baptism. Having eyes to see enables believers to appreciate and experience God's goodness. God's goodness, mercy and love touch the innermost being of the grateful believer. Gratitude develops into love and joy for the Lord God with each moment of life. Life is derived from the Lord and is to be lived in ways well-pleasing to the Lord.

**Psalm 68/69:30-I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.** (KJV)

Living in ways pleasing to the Lord God is the best expression of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a purely voluntarily act of recognition of the Lord's goodness. Individuals filled with personal selfishness do not take time to thank the Lord. How many believers take time to thank the Lord for having answered prayers? Praying to God is common, but thanking the Lord may not be as common.

**Psalm 74/75:1-Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.** (KJV)

Singing is a joyous form of thanksgiving common in God's Holy Church. Believers lifting their voices to the Lord in thanksgiving are powerful witnesses. When the heart, mind and soul are filled with appreciation, joy is evident. Peace overtakes the believer when the Lord God's love is fully appreciated. God's Church takes time to offer prayers of thanksgiving throughout the year.

**Psalm 105/106:47-Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.** (KJV)

The Lord God offers salvation for believers drawing near in faith and love. Rejecting sin and embracing the Lord with firm faith are needed for salvation. Too often believers are tarnished by the perils to the soul existing in this world. Repentance and being grateful to God enables believers to begin life anew. The Psalmist offers wisdom to guide believers through the days of earthly life.

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