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Theme: Giving thanks

Scripture:

"Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High. Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory."

"But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honours me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God." (Psalms 50:14, 15, 23 NLT)



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Comment:

God loves it when we are thankful. It keeps us centred on Him, not us.

It strengthens our relationships with one another and with God when we say show our appreciation and say 'thank you".

How can you show your appreciation to your partner and to God?

We have another opportunity to give thanks. Time for Marriage is one of the partner organisations behind When2Pray. This weekend the Time for Marriage network is holding it's annual meeting. They'll be giving thanks, celebrating and planning for the future. Consider spending a moment to thank God for Time for Marriage and all He has done through them since 1974. Pray that he'll bless and guide them into the future.

What other ways could you help and encourage Time for Marriage?

Prayer (as a couple):

Dear Lord, help me to develop more of an attitude of gratitude. Change my heart through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflect and give thanks to God for something specific.

Reflect and give thanks to God for your partner. Tell your partner something specific about them that you are grateful for.

Prayer (for others):

Dear Lord we pray for and and for other couples in our community. May you give them a new spirit of gratitude for one another and for you.

We thank you for Time for Marriage and your call on this vital ministry. Father please continue to guide them, bless them and provide for them. Thank you for the part they play in When2Pray. Amen.

Final quote:

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." William Arthur Ward

For more on this subject go to: www.timeformarriage.org.uk

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.