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HAPPY THANKSGIVING My Friends,

This is the month known for giving thanks, but it is also the month to remember the martyrs. On All Saints Day (November 1) the early church commemorated the martyrs of the past year. Today, many churches observe the *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*.

It is only a minority of Christians who do not suffer for their faith. Persecution is a regular occurrence in over 70 countries. Tod Nettleton of *Voice of the Martyrs* said, "In many countries preparation for persecution is part of the evangelism process. If you accept Jesus, they are told, these are the ways you may suffer."

In areas that have religious freedoms, many churches make the Gospel palatable by not emphasizing discipleship, and cross bearing. Therefore, the message that comes through is often "God wants you to be happy," and "All you need to do is believe." This gospel comes at no cost, no change, and no power.

The disciples rejoiced **that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name** (Acts 5:41b). They had learned from Jesus that **whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple**. (Luke 14:25-27). Paul and Barnabas strengthened the souls of the disciples by **exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God"** (Acts 14:22b). Paul wrote, **For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened** (1 Thessalonians 3:4a). As you give thanks for your blessings and freedoms, please remember to pray for the Persecuted Church.

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Prayer and Praise

DAILY PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- 1 GIVE THANKS** that Watson and Rose Goodman acted on God's vision for WMP and that the Lord has empowered and blessed that vision for 63 years.
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (Psalms 32:11)
- 2 GIVE THANKS** and praise that WMP has had a record production fiscal year making booklets in 352 languages for 200+ countries.
And the Word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:49 and 52)
- 3 Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. GIVE THANKS** that pressured or persecuted believers in Egypt, Mozambique, Qatar and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are standing strong and remaining faithful.
I will praise You, O LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. (Psalms 9:1)
- 4 GIVE THANKS** that 70 container shipments left our dock this fiscal year and that for the past 40 years most shipping containers reached their destination without incident.
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. (Psalms 95:1-2)
- 5 GIVE THANKS** for the *Alive in Christ* booklet. This booklet is designed to disciple new believers, so that they understand who God created them to be — empowered by His Spirit to know and walk with Him in the light of eternity.
Both young men and maidens; old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. (Psalms 148:12-13)

- 6** GIVE THANKS for Jay and Vicky Benson's leadership of WMP from 1988 to 2013.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding. (Psalms 47:6-7)

- 7** GIVE THANKS that the Finance Department meets ECFA standards in bookkeeping and accounting and for Marie Mack, WMP treasurer since 2007.

You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

- 8** GIVE THANKS that all supplies needed to produce over 11 million booklets each month are readily available.

For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You. (1 Chronicles 29:11b-12a)

- 9** GIVE THANKS for the Language Processing Department and the booklet formatting specialists Randy, Beth, Marilyn, and Ron.

O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. (Isaiah 25:1)

- 10** GIVE THANKS for Kristi, Katie, and Nolan who clean our offices, break room, and bathrooms. GIVE THANKS for Lucas who performs janitorial and landscaping chores.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! (Psalms 150:1-2)

- 11** GIVE THANKS for the ministry of the 2024 Scripture-Text Datebooks to inmates in correctional facilities across the USA. Pray for the ministry of the 2025 datebooks.

For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. (Psalms 97:9)

- 12** GIVE THANKS for Harold and Marie Mack's leadership of WMP from 2013 to the present. *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name. (Philippians 2:9)*
- 13** GIVE THANKS for Mike A. and Joseph who staff our Information Technology Department. *For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." (Romans 14:11)*
- 14** GIVE THANKS for the Orders and Distribution Department, for Helen, the Director, and Immanuel, the Freight Shipment Coordinator. *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)*
- 15** GIVE THANKS for containers that have safely arrived in Mexico, Tanzania, South Africa, Italy, Finland (2), Brazil (3), and Kenya. *From the rising of the sun to its going down the LORD's name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. (Psalms 113:3-4)*
- 16** GIVE THANKS for our Vice-president of Plant Operations, Jerry, who has oversight of the production staff, in-plant production, and maintenance of the facilities. *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Psalms 46:10)*
- 17** GIVE THANKS for the individuals who send in checks or donate online. GIVE THANKS for the businesses, foundations and churches that contribute financially to WMP. *Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool—He is holy. (Psalms 99:5)*
- 18** GIVE THANKS that 24,373 electronic booklets were downloaded off the WMP mobile app this past fiscal year. That is an increase of 7.15% over last year. *Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory! (Isaiah 6:3)*

19 GIVE THANKS that the King Web Press has continued to run at great speeds most business days for the past 24 years. Pray for the operators Brian B., Nolan, Michael, and Steve W.

Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. (Psalms 40:5)

20 GIVE THANKS for Ricardo M. our coordinator in Belize and the other 84 coordinators who receive our shipping containers and distribute the booklets to evangelists in their country.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be above all the earth. (Psalms 57:5)

21 GIVE THANKS for the WMP Finance Committee which is meeting today to go over year end reports and make recommendations for the coming year.

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. (Exodus 19:5)

22 GIVE THANKS for new leadership in Darryl (and Cathy) Ramey. Pray a special anointing of the Holy Spirit as he charts the future.

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

23 GIVE THANKS for WMP's Board of Director's leadership during the recent staff transitions. Pray for today's biannual Board meeting.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. (Psalms 96:3-4)

24 GIVE THANKS that the 76.5 million people in the Philippines who speak Tagalog can read the Word of God in seven different booklets printed by WMP.

O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? (Deuteronomy 3:24)

- 25** GIVE THANKS for the shipments on their way to Equatorial Guinea, Zambia, South Sudan, Guatemala, Brazil (2), Tanzania, Malawi, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ecuador. *The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. (Isaiah 33:5)*
- 26** GIVE THANKS for our Partner Relations Department: Alison, Director, Sarah, Cathy, Terri, Scarlet, Donna, Keith, and Selicia. *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. (Psalms 33:1)*
- 27** GIVE THANKS for the PrePress Department, Twila, Supervisor, Trent, Beth, and Steve W. *The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. (Isaiah 33:5)*
- 28** HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Bless the Lord for all the benefits and blessings the Lord has bestowed upon you, WMP and the USA. *As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. (Psalms 18:30)*
- 29** GIVE THANKS for the ManRoland full-color press, installed 10 years ago, and for operators Brian L. and Nathan. *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! (Romans 11:33)*
- 30** GIVE THANKS for our Production Manager Eric, overseeing the Team leaders on the presses and binderies. Pray that the bindery machinery will continue to function correctly. Pray for the bindery personnel Zach, Devon, Abby, Katie, Ben, Jeremy, and Jacob. *Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested. (Revelation 15:2-4)*

[All scripture references come from the pages of the English version of Let's Praise the Lord!]