

Faith Talk

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Thanksgiving
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In the arena of holidays Thanksgiving is usually near the top of the list. Some enjoy having a Monday away from work or school, generally the weather is pleasant and for the vast majority, thoughts immediately focus on the dinner planned and dinners past. Grocery stores are bustling with activity as families shop for delicacies that this holiday excuses, kitchens produce smells worthy of Pavlovian response and conversation abound. But is there more? Certainly.

A quick search of history reveals that proclamations of Thanksgiving were for different reasons -- cessation of cholera, end of quarantine of ships, termination of the Rebellion, restoration to health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales -- but the more frequent theme is thanks for God's mercies, and the reason that continues today is: For general thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings with which the people of Canada have been favoured. So there is more than a huge meal, but this proclamation is also general in nature.

For we know "the Lord, who has made all things" (Isaiah 44:24) is the source of all that we are to be thankful for, indeed all that we have. This is very simply found in Psalm 118:29 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever." Contained in this verse is not only who we are to thank for the blessings, but also an action is commanded -- "give".

So on this holiday, October 11th, let us give Him thanks for the blessings He has favoured us with.

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