



Gratefulness

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as the great Creator. In Jesus Name we pray, amen.

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Scripture Meditation

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast.”

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

30 Day Gratitude Journal

Write about why you are grateful for your parents.

30 Day Gratitude Challenge

Leave an encouraging note on a car.

Prayer Concentration:

Pray a prayer for a self-employed entrepreneur that you know.

Prayer of Gratitude

Lord thank You for allowing us to be surrounded by the beauty of nature. We thank You for the beauty of the sunset. We bless You for the brilliance of the stars. We adore You for the buoyancy of the ocean, and we glorify You for every budding flower. Help us to live a life that honors You

Observation

What am I grateful for? The usual things – family, friends, health, and strength, etc. I am most grateful for God’s grace and mercy. The chorus to a song entitled “Your Grace and Mercy” performed by the Mississippi Mass Choir says “*I’m living this moment because of you. I want to thank You and praise You too. Your grace and mercy brought me through.*”

As I look back to the morning of December 20, 2007, I thank God that His grace and mercy brought me through a devastating time in the life of Zion Baptist Church. As I turned the corner of Green and King Streets to see the entire church engulfed in flames, I asked God “Why did this happen on my watch?” As Chairperson of the Trustee Ministry, I knew that there would be many difficult days ahead for the entire congregation and me.

Philippians 4: 6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

I am grateful because God’s Word is true, He is faithful, and He keeps his promises.

Questions to Ponder

How have you grown in the area of gratefulness? What will it take to double that growth?
