## Have a Great Thanksgiving today and every day

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Brothers and sisters,

I am writing this the day before Thanksgiving Day even though you may be reading it after. I want to remind us all that Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful, so far under commercialized, day of celebration of the things in life that we are grateful for. It usually involves family and friends. If you have either family or friends to celebrate with please be very grateful for that. As you know there is a pandemic of loneliness in our nation. On Thanksgiving Day and every day of the year we have much to be thankful for and it is very good practice to verbalize specifically what and who you are grateful for. When we start each day in gratitude it sets our mind and heart in a good direction. Then throughout the day also express gratitude as it comes into your mind. This way we can recognize that God has been good to us. Otherwise it is easy to become an ingrate and make ourselves miserable.

I am especially grateful to our wonderful brothers and sisters in Alaska. We opened a new CheonShim Won in Kodiak where True Parents spent so much of their time in America laying the foundation for the Ocean Providence and so many brothers and sisters sacrificed tremendously. A special mention to the 43 Japanese whom Father called "Fish Ancestors." So much love and heart was invested into the Providence to build an incredible foundation which was stolen and disposed of, causing great heartache. We must resurrect that foundation one day. Ocean Challenge is keeping the spirit of True Parents alive in Kodiak. Then in Anchorage we had a wonderful 50th anniversary of True Parents work in Alaska with wonderful stories from pioneers and former state leaders. God bless our Alaska members.

So on this Thanksgiving, let us express our gratitude for YOU. Yes, YOU. Thank YOU for being YOU and bringing joy to God and to each one of us.

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God Bless,

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