

Thank you, God... for this Beautiful Fall Season upon us!!!

It consists of one of my favorite months of the year... the month of Thanksgiving.

Brother Lawrence was a wise and beautiful soul who lived in the 1600's. He became a lay brother in a Carmelite Monastery in the year 1642 in Paris, France. His primary work consisted of cleaning the pots & pans & dishes in the kitchen.

Despite his very low position in the monastery, his gentle nature and his peaceful countenance attracted many visitors to the priory (monastery). Many stated they experienced "a profound peace" when they came to get spiritual guidance from him.

The wisdom he passed on to these seekers, from both conversations and via letters, would later become the basis for the book, "The Practice of the Presence of God," which was compiled after his death by an anonymous biographer. This book is highly regarded by Catholics, Protestants, and Unitarians.

For me, the most important fact that Brother Lawrence stated many times throughout his life is this:

"The most powerful prayer consists of only three (3) words... Thank you God."

And dear Brother Lawrence he was correct! "Thank you God" IS the most powerful prayer.

It helps us be more aware of God's blessings in our life **everyday!**

All of us have so much to be grateful for... for all of us are so wonderfully blessed.

Many years ago I made a "Gratitude List"... and kept it where I would see it everyday. It had a wonderful impact on my awareness of magnitude of my many blessings.

Making a "Gratitude List" is a wonderful way for us to be more aware our many blessings.

Placing our "Gratitude List" somewhere where we will see it often will help to better appreciate our many blessings even more.

I invite you to become more aware of the many blessings in our lives... and to truly experience "Thanksgiving" at a more beautiful level.

Love & blessings
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