

Intercessory “Breakthrough” Prayer

“**V**3 Building The Next Generation”

November 2022

Prayer Focus: In All Things Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

***You can give thanks in all things because of God’s nature and character. He is faithful. He is good. He is gracious. He is merciful. He is full of love and compassion. He does not change.**

***Things in life can change at any moment, but when you’re filled with thanksgiving, you can weather any storm in life and come through it filled with praise and thanksgiving.**

***We don’t always know how life will go. But we always know what God’s will for us is: It’s to give thanks in light of His goodness. Because He is good and His nature does not change, we can always give thanks.**

***It’s sometimes explained that the Bible tells us to give thanks in all things, not for all things. No one would be thankful for evil, wickedness, injustice, and oppression. But no matter what happens, we can give thanks to God and He will carry us through.**

Food for Thought

It's difficult to be thankful when you are:

- *Not trusting fully in God's faithfulness*
- *Anxious*
- *Focused only on the negative*
- *Jealous or envious of others*
- *Holding on to anger or bitterness*

It's possible to have many things but not be thankful. In today's world, many people have more conveniences, live longer, and have more opportunities than any other time in the history of the world. But this doesn't mean that life becomes more meaningful and fulfilling.