

# “Thanksgiving”

Devotion for October 2016

Hymn: VU520 We Plough The Fields

Scripture: Psalm 95: 2-3 And 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Reflection:

October tenth is Thanksgiving Day. At a certain age one wonders why we need a special day as we should be thankful for each one. Every day should be Thanksgiving. While searching for an October theme I did some checking and found, Oct 2 is world Communion Sunday: Oct 16 is world Food Sunday: Oct 17 is the International day for the eradication of Poverty: Oct 23 is Peace Sunday, and those are just some of the special days in October. You know, we once had Christmas, New Years, Valentines, Mother’s Day and a few other special days; they actually meant something. The introduction of a day for just about everything is like everyone being retired, a holiday providing a long week-end means nothing. When we dedicate a day to eradicating poverty, to end wars, to feed everyone, we just treat the symptoms and ignore the cause. Poverty won’t stop when the price of food is out of reach or unavailable for those in need while one percent of the population controls ninety percent of the wealth; wars wont cease as long as power hungry despots are allowed to be in control and those with the power make and sell arms to those despots.

Discussion;

Pretend we are in, lets say grade three or four, and the teacher says, “lets make a list of all the things we are thankful for. You shout them out and I will write them on this board.” I suspect we think, at our age, this is a stupid, perhaps childish exercise; however, try and be amazed at how unbelievably fortunate, lucky we are and how we so much take our privileged lives for granted.

Hymn VU 513 Give me, Lord a Thankful Heart

Prayer;

God, open our eyes, help us realize we should be truly thankful not only on Thanksgiving, nor generous and concerned on other special days, but every day. As the saying goes, every morning you wake up is a great day. Thank you Jesus. Amen