

Thanksgiving Day Quotes

For Thanksgiving this year, I'm trying something different. I've searched for quotes that I think are inspiring from our nation's past presidents starting with George Washington "Both Houses of Congress have... requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." For the following six, I'm leaving off the names hoping you will appreciate them without knowing who said them.

"Let's be grateful for what we have. Let's be mindful of those who have less. Let's appreciate those who hold a special place in our lives and make sure that they know it. And let's think about those who can't spend the holiday with their loved ones – especially those of our military serving overseas."

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

"We are profoundly grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us: the preservation of our freedom, so dearly bought and so highly prized; our opportunities for human welfare and happiness, so limitless in their scope; our material prosperity, so far surpassing that of earlier years; and our private spiritual blessings, so deeply cherished by all. For these we offer fervent thanks to God."

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown."

"I have always believed that this anointed land was set apart in an uncommon way, that a divine plan placed this great continent here between the oceans to be found by people from every corner of the Earth who had a special love of faith and freedom."

"Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to gather together and express gratitude for all that we have been given, the freedoms we enjoy, and the loved ones who enrich our lives. We recognize that all of these blessings, and life itself, come not from the hand of man but from Almighty God."

In my searching, I found several humorous quotes, again without names.

"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Halftimes take 12 minutes. This is not coincidence."

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."

"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup."

Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often.

Thanksgiving, when the Indians said, "Well, this has been fun, but we know you have a long voyage back to England".

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."