

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Power of Being Grateful November 5, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

Being grateful to God is an attitude of thankfulness in your heart. It is assurance that God is good all of the time; therefore a grateful heart is the natural outcome of knowing God. Gratefulness is not dependent upon situations and circumstances looking a certain way. Because of your confidence in the Lord a heart of gratitude attracts God. Gratefulness is a feeling that impacts the atmosphere as you are filled with awe of who God is and His faithfulness. Gratefulness is a natural expression of worship as you count the benefits of God and dwell upon His nature – gratitude is a natural outpouring of your heart.



We want to seed the atmosphere of Detroit and the region with gratefulness for who God is. For His loving kindness, His mercy, His goodness, His heart of compassion; He is faithful and true. He is worthy of our adoration, worthy to be exalted in our hearts and in our land. He is the GREAT GOD above all other gods. He is the way maker, life giver and the hope of all creation. We are preparing the atmosphere for the highest worship as we gather and declare His glory over our state. We are gathering to worship God on behalf of the unborn – those being aborted. We are crying out for success of the Heartbeat Bill petition. In the meantime our governor has announced plans to make our state one of the most liberal in the nation by allowing the broadest and most brutal application of abortion. We cry "NO!" to this increasing slaughter of the unborn.

When we gather in regional worship on November 22, we will come into the courts of the Lord. We will legislate in the heavenly realms that night. In advance we prepare the way by lifting up the name of Jesus that is above every other name. We invite the angelic forces to come and take up their position. We make way for the roar of the Lion of Judah, the sound of life, to resonate throughout our land. We speak life where there is death and murder.

We see that the kingdom of God is above politics. We worship to bring God's kingdom into the earth. Our eyes are on God who is above all. We declare His rule and His reign in the heavens and the earth!

1 Timothy 2.1-3 TPT

¹ Most of all, I'm writing to encourage you to **pray with gratitude to God**. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with **intense passion**. ² And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, **as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts**. ³ It is pleasing to our Savior-God *to pray for them*.

Father God we pour out our worship to You. From the depths of our hearts we are an instrument of worship to You. We declare Your glory and Your goodness into the heavens and into the earth. You are the law giver. You are King and You are judge! An altar is built in our worship where You sit enthroned above all mankind and their ways. You alone are worthy of this deep unadulterated worship. We join with the angels and creatures who continually cry holy to You. We declare that Detroit and Michigan will be filled with and resonate the sound of life!

Psalm 18.30-31 TPT

³⁰ **What a God you are!** Your path for me has been perfect!

All your promises have proven true.

What a **secure shelter** for all those who turn to hide themselves in you!

You are the wrap-around God giving grace to me.

³¹ Could there be any other god like you?

You are the only God to be worshiped,

for there is not a more secure foundation to build my life upon than you.

Psalm 27.4 TPT

⁴ Here's the one thing I crave from God, the one thing I seek above all else:

I want the privilege of living with him every moment in his house, finding the sweet loveliness of his face, filled with awe, delighting in his glory and grace.

I want to live my life so close to him that he takes pleasure in my every prayer.



Isaiah 42.5 TPT

⁵ Here are the words of the true God, Yahweh, the one who created the starry heavens and stretched them out. **He is the one who formed the earth and filled it with life. He gives breath to every person and spirit to everyone everywhere.**

Psalm 2.11 TPT

¹¹ **Serve and worship the awe-inspiring God. Recognize his greatness and bow before him, trembling with reverence in his presence.**

Psalm 103.11 TPT

¹¹ Higher than the highest heavens—that's how high your tender mercy extends! Greater than the grandeur of heaven above is **the greatness of your loyal love, towering over all who fear you and bow down before you!**

Psalm 34.8-10 TPT

⁸ **Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God.**

Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives to all who turn to hide themselves in him.

⁹ **Worship in awe and wonder, all you who've been made holy! For all who fear him will feast with plenty.**

¹⁰ Even the strong and the wealthy grow weak and hungry, but **those who passionately pursue the Lord will never lack any good thing.**

Psalm 71.22-23 TPT

²² **My loving God, the harp in my heart will praise you.**

Your faithful heart toward us will be the theme of my song.

Melodies and music will rise to you, the Holy One of Israel.

²³ **I will shout and sing your praises** for all you are to me— Savior, lover of my soul!

Ephesians 1.3 TPT

³ Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why **we celebrate him with all our hearts!**

