

**Constantly  
Grateful**

As the holiday most people love, because it just involved just family and food – no gift stressing - gathered from afar, and we approach a New Year and the first Sunday in Advent, I am again overwhelmed how grateful I am.

First, for family. Lucky to have three kids who have done everything they can to make the world better through their success. Nothing can make any parent feel better and I rejoice in them and the love of their mother.

The miracle of creation are everywhere. Again, I rejoice at the beauty God gives us from the sprouting of new life on a Douglas Fir, the flowers so incredible powerful in their color and their ability to bring joy to the eye of the beholder, to the great mountains making one feel like they live in an era of the Lord of the Rings. They cannot help but drop your jaw in awe every time you see them. Watching them supply the blood of the earth, water, through the various streams and waterfall causes one to pause, pull over, and watch and listen to the magic. Live giving miracle water it is.

Our Lady, our Mother is someone we should talk to every day. "Mother behold your son. Son behold your mother".

With those simple words from Our Master, we all became children of the Greatest Intercessor of all time, Our heavenly Queen and Lady. She gives me great comfort as she did my mom and dad. For this I am most grateful!

As the great prophet Daniel said...

"Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

"Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever."

"Blessed are you on the throne of your Kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

"Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

"Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,  
praiseworthy and glorious forever."

Now, all we have to do is follow His Greatest Commands...

1. Love and honor Me your Creator
2. Love each other as I have loved you

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