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Blessed Mary Angela Says (Foundress of the Felician Sisters)

"Neither prayer alone nor work alone leads to perfection, but rather the manner in which we perform one and the other, and the intention with which we conform to the will of God."

CATHOLIC Q&A

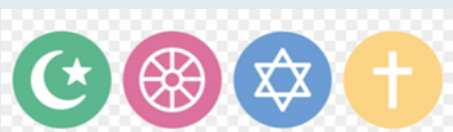
Do Catholics believe in Ghosts?

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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11/01: All Saint's Day - Christian
11/02: All Soul's Day - Christian
11/03: Birth of Baha'ullah - Baha'i
11/05: Birth of Guru Nanak - Sikh
11/17-21: Nativity Fast - Orthodox Christian
11/23: Feast of Christ the King - Christian
11/24: Day of the Covenant - Baha'i
11/30: Advent begins - Christian



Happening in November!

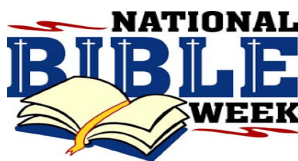
November 1-30: Native American Heritage Month - click [here](#) for more information.



November 11: Veteran's Day - click [here](#) to learn more.



November 10-13: National Bible Week - Take the Bible Week Student Trivia Quiz - Win Prizes! Check your emails!



November 18: Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 11:15 am Recital Hall.



November 21: Felician Sisters Founders Day, click [here](#) to learn more!



Be Thankful in all Circumstances

by Mark D. Roberts

On Thanksgiving Day, I want to reflect on a verse from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians: "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (5:18).

The Greek original of this verse calls us to give thanks "in everything" (en panti). This does not mean that we must give thanks for everything, as if everything, including evil, was from God. It does mean that even in the midst of suffering, even when we experience injustice, even when life isn't working out as we wish, we can and should give thanks. We thank God for his good gifts. We thank him for being present with us in hard times. We thank him for using life's struggles to draw us closer to him and make us more like him. We thank God that nothing is outside of his wise plan for our lives, even when we can't understand that plan.

Why should we thank God? 1 Thessalonians 5:18 reveals that "this is God's will for you who belong to Christ." Giving thanks to God is what God desires for us. It's a matter of obedience. We do it because God wants us to.

But we thank God, not only because it is right to do so, but also because through thanksgiving we receive abundant blessing. When we thank God, we remember all that he has done for us and feel glad. In thanksgiving we find security and peace of mind. Giving thanks opens our hearts to trust God more, so that we might be ready for new blessings. In gratitude, we savor life's goodness and therefore live to the fullest.

How have you been able to thank God in the midst of difficult times? For what are you most thankful today?

Click [here](#) to read full article.



OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for
Human Dignity

Compassion

JUSTICE
AND PEACE

Transformation

Solidarity with
People in Need

2025-2026 Focus

Putting Justice & Peace Into Action

Felician Sisters and the *Laudato Si* Action Platform

(Part I)

As a Franciscan community, the Felician sisters are dedicated to being responsible stewards of the environment. We advocate for responsible public policy and implement "green" initiatives at our convents and ministries, including:

Response to the Cry of the Earth: Drink water from a reusable container instead of a single use bottles. Use Earth and people friendly pesticides. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products and those with less packaging. Support efforts to protect biodiversity and clean water.

Response to the Cry of the Poor: Foster a deeper respect for all human life, from conception to natural death. Examine and transcend ideas that have shaped our thinking regarding people perceived to be different from us. Volunteer to tutor, teach, or companion a child or elder Volunteer at a food pantry or donation site.

Ecological Economics: Buy local – freeze or can perishable goods for use during the off-season Buy fair trade products Change one thing to decrease your consumeristic lifestyle – ask yourself before a purchase – is this a want or a need.

Adoption of Simple Lifestyles: Use washable dishes, cups, and silverware instead of paper and plastic Reduce meat consumption – experiment with plant-based recipes Reduce fossil fuel consumption – start by measuring your carbon footprint



THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baha'i: O Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. These hearts are radiant with Thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated by the message of thy glad tidings. Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Greatest Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

Buddhism: Expressions of gratitude to repay the kindness of the Buddhas whose words open the door to liberation, to our mothers for their boundless love, and to our enemies for assisting us in developing patience: What way is there to repay the Buddha who grant immeasurable benefit and who befriends the world without pretension other than by pleasing sentient beings?

Christianity: Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Islam: Praise be to Allah who created us from His light with His hand and dignified us over His creatures and made us trustees of His creation and His revelation. The command of Allah has come, do not rush it. Glory be to Him; exalted above what they associate. Allah is with those who are righteous and those who are virtuous.

Judaism: We thank You that You are Adonai our God and God of our ancestors throughout all time. You are the Rock of our lives, the Shield of our salvation in every generation. We thank you and speak your praises for our lives that are in Your hand, for our souls that are in Your charge, for Your miracles that are with us, and for Your wonders and Your gifts that are with us at all times—evening, morning, and noon.

Native American: Great and Eternal Mystery of Life, Creator of All Things, I give thanks for the beauty You put in every single one of Your creations. I am grateful that You did not fail in making every stone, plant, creature, and human being a perfect and whole part of the Sacred Hoop. I am grateful that You have allowed me to see the strength and beauty of All my relations.



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