

# New Apostolic Church Canada

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Thanksgiving 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Growing up, our parents taught us to say “Thank you” when something was given to us in an effort to teach us to appreciate and value what we possessed. In this fast-paced world, we move from week to week and from event to event. It seems we barely take the time to savour the moments, reflect on the experiences, and truly appreciate even the smallest opportunities in our hands.

As we approach our church Thanksgiving Day on Sunday, October 6, 2024, let us stop and consider the marvellous works and wonders which God has done (1 Chronicles 16: 12). God has given us life; we are part of His great creation. God is Lord and continues to care for His creation. God loves us, has not abandoned human beings and continues to show mercy towards us regardless of our conduct. We can depend on God’s love, grace and faithfulness.

The hymn # 177 in the NAC hymnal, “Count your blessings, name them one by one,” is good advice for us, knowing that everything comes from God and that we are completely dependent on Him. Even though our lives are very different from one another, we share the creation, we all have received gifts, and we experience God’s love, His grace and His faithfulness, which covers us. He longs for our salvation and eternal fellowship with us. In addition, each of us can name many other blessings in our lives.

We are moved to bring praise, adoration and thanksgiving as we worship our triune God. We can express our gratitude by bringing our offering, supporting the spreading of the gospel, serving in God’s work, sharing with our neighbour and acting responsibly toward the creation and our family.

With humbleness, patience, love, and thanksgiving, we move forward towards the goal of our faith: the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Together with the Apostles and Bishops in the Canada District, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and much joy and peace in the circle of your families and the congregation.

Sincerely,

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