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Dear Friends,

Give thanks to God Who is good, whose faithful love endures forever. (Ps. 136:1)

November brings us out of daylight savings time, celebrates All Saints and All Souls, and leads us into a holiday season of celebrations, family gatherings, and opportunities to make warm memories.

Thanksgiving Day is a unique holiday in that it doesn't have any commercial or religious attachment to it. It is simply a time set apart to remind us of how much we have to be grateful for! This is especially poignant now with the wars in the Middle East, the devastating natural disasters around the country, and the political divisions in our country.

Unfortunately, it seems to be true that we take so much for granted until it is threatened or lost. These recent experiences have brought that message home to many of us, haven't they?! Maybe such experiences can awaken our hearts to form a practice of giving thanks EVERY day, so that Thanksgiving is more than **A day**; instead, it becomes a habit of our heart. As Psalm 136 reminds us, God's faithful love endures forever, and that is an awesome reality to ponder.

Thank you for your part in showing us God's provident care for us. We pray for your needs each day as we gather in gratitude before God's altar.

With gratitude and prayers,

Sr. Nancy

Sr. Nancy and all your Poor Clare Sisters

May almighty God bless you. May God look upon you with mercy and give you peace.
– Blessing of St. Clare