

# Happy Thanksgiving

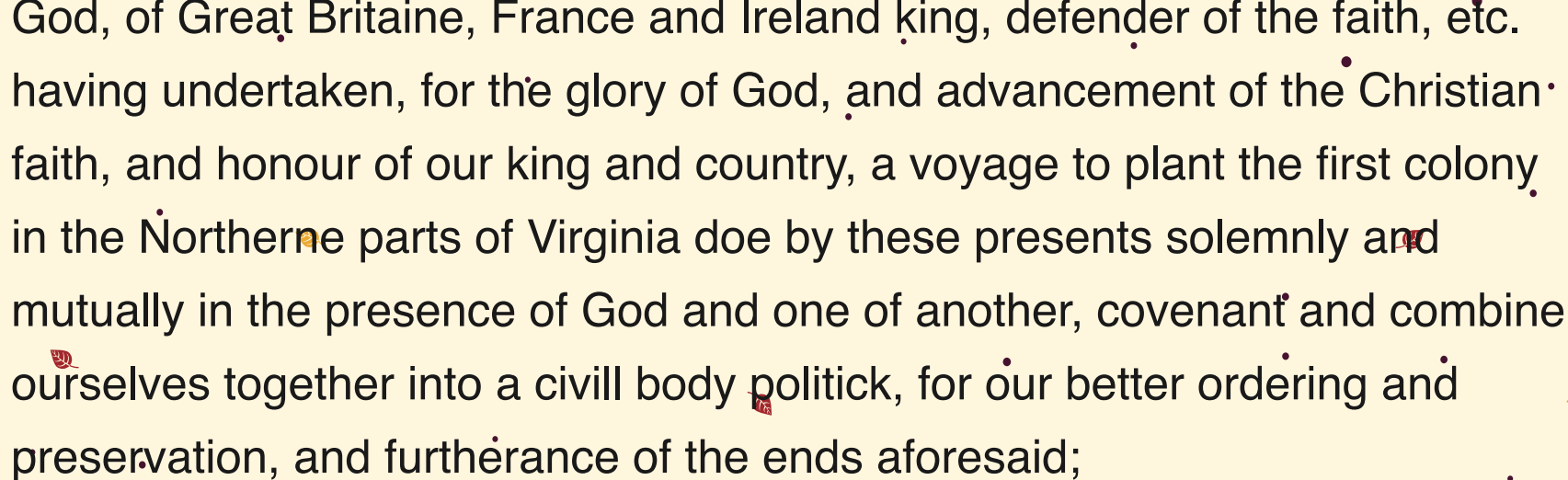


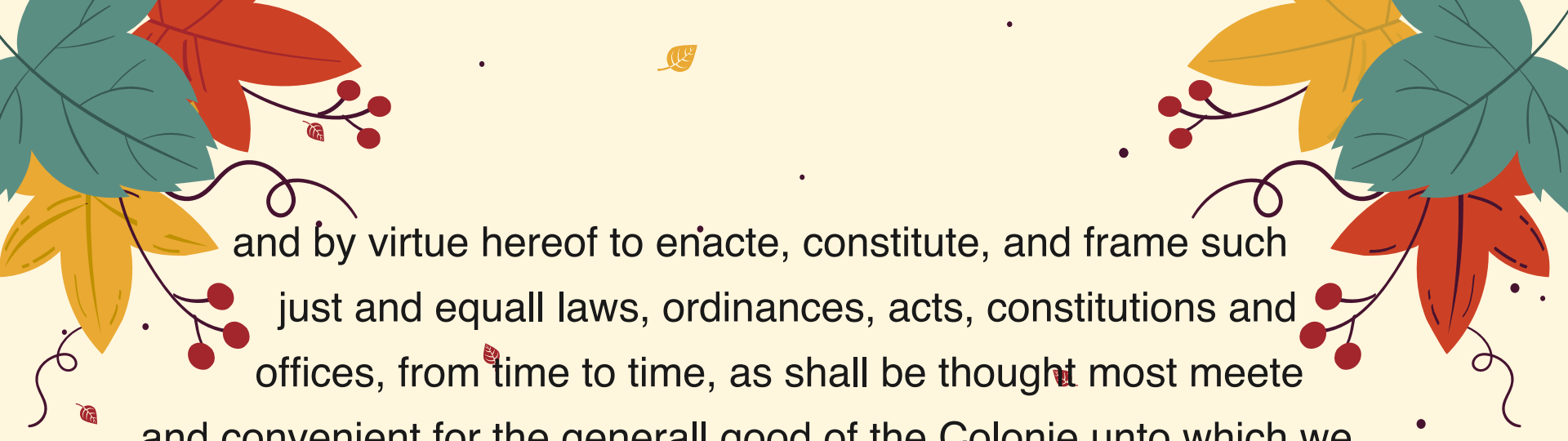


# The Mayflower Compact, 1620

**In the name of God, Amen.**


We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereigne Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc. having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honour of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northerne parts of Virginia doe by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civill body politick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;



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and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such  
just and equall laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and  
offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete  
and convenient for the generall good of the Colonie unto which we  
promise all due submission and obedience.


In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-  
Codd the 11. Of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereigne lord,  
King James, of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of  
Scotland the fiftie-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.





## Winter in New Plymouth

Unprepared for that first winter, 44 of the original 102 colonists died. But the spring brought hope.



They planted and the summer brought crops. By the first anniversary of their arrival in New Plymouth, their food supply was bountiful.


On December 13, 1621, Governor William Bradford issued a decree that the next three days be

“Set aside as a day of feasting and prayer showing our gratitude to almighty God for all His benefits.”




**Psalm 103:1-2**





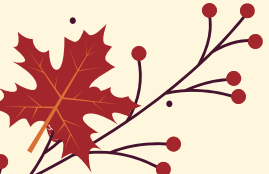


In 1920, on the 300th anniversary, Governor Calvin Coolidge (US President 1923-1929) commemorated the Mayflower landing with the following words:




“The compact which they signed was an event of the greatest importance. It was the foundation of liberty based on law and order, and that tradition has been steadily upheld. They drew up a form of government which has been designated as the first real constitution of modern times. It was democratic, an acknowledgment of liberty under law and order and the giving to each person the right to participate in the government, while they promised to be obedient to the laws.

*“But the really wonderful thing was that **they had the power and strength of character to abide by it and live by it** from that day to this....*




*(“Descendants Hail Spirit of Pilgrims”. New York Herald. 1920-11-23. p. 6. Retrieved 2020-11-19)*

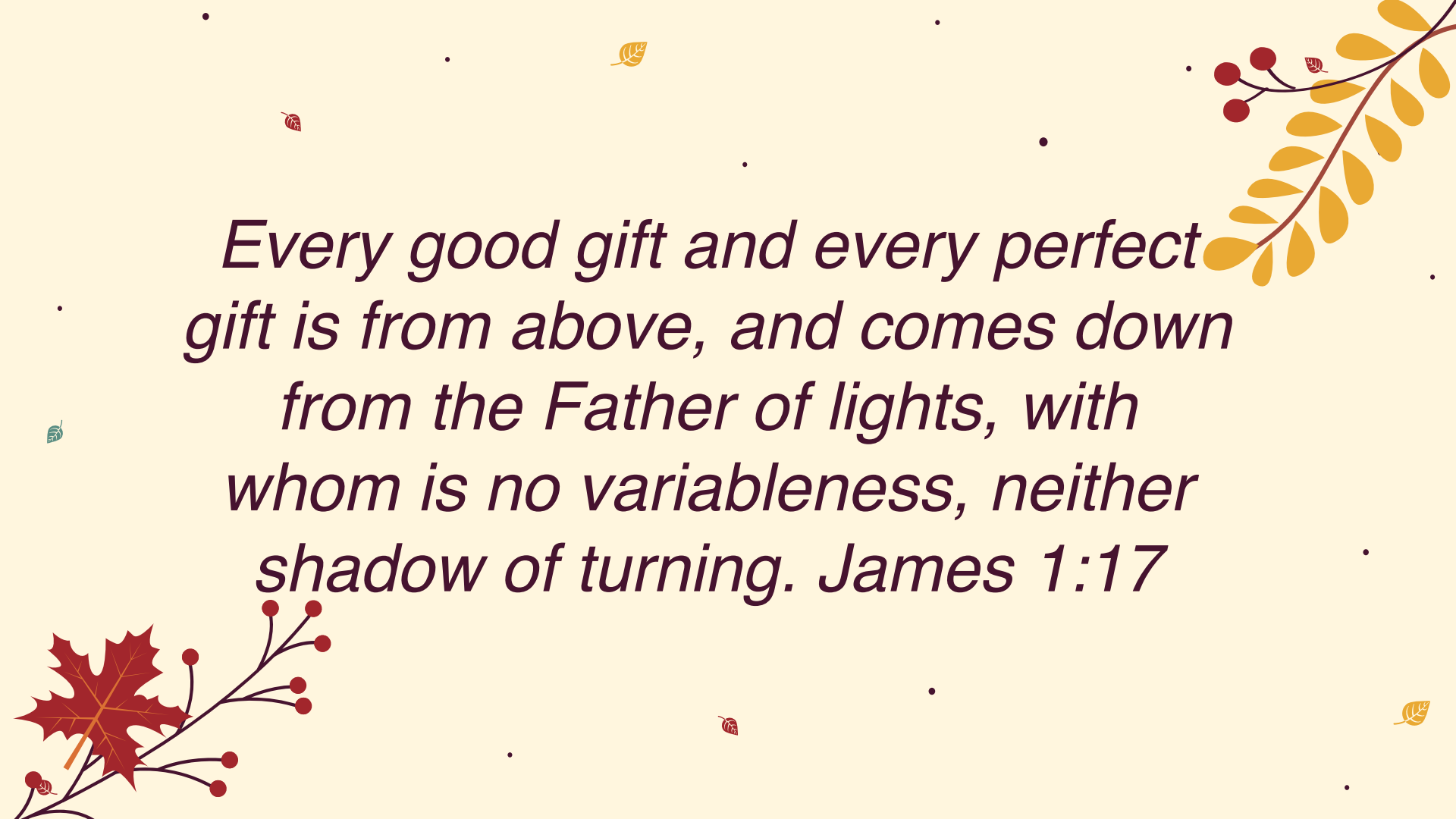




**In every thing  
give thanks**  
(1 Th 5:18)



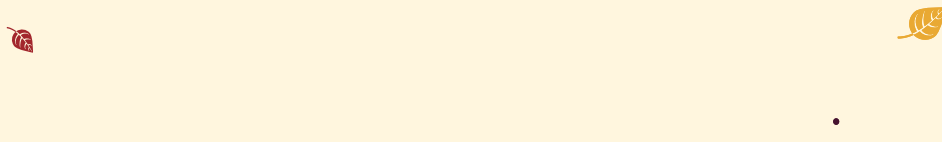


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gift is from above, and comes down  
from the Father of lights, with  
whom is no variableness, neither  
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- We tend to thank God for the joys, successes, and affluence in our lives, but do we thank Him when things seem to be falling apart? When life “throws us a curveball?” Or seems to “slam us into the wall?” When we lose or don’t get what we want?
  - Is God still good then?
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Yes. Even when circumstance confuse us, emotions overwhelm us, and we seem to be in darkness, God is still the Father of Lights.

What does that mean to you?







**When Jesus came into the world,  
He brought light into darkness.**

**John 8:12**

**Who is the light of this world now?**


**John 9:5  
Mat 5:14**





## How are we the light of this world?

Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light.



Luke 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light; but when your eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

Prov 15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart.



# The Eyes are Important

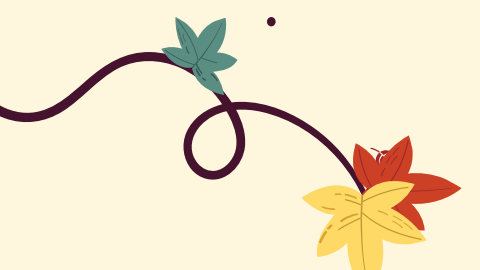


In Our Lives

1 John 1:5-7

In the Lives of Others

Acts 26:18



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- God created light in our world. He created the sun to lighten the day, but the light of the sun is variable. It changes with the days, months, and seasons.
  - God is Light — and His light never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
  - When we walk through the shadows of pain and suffering, grief, or death, we are not alone. The light of the Lord is with us to light our way.






*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105*






# Thankful For...



- Our Faith – 1 Peter 1:23
  - Our Family – 2 Timothy 1:3, 5
  - Our Friends – Romans 1:8, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:3
  - Our Finances – Philippians 4:10
  - Our Future – Colossians 1:12
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“God has promised to supply all our needs.

What we don’t have now, we don’t need now.” –Elizabeth Elliot


“The habit of celebrating the greatness and graciousness of God yields an endless flow of thankfulness, joy, and zeal.” –J.I. Packer

“God is in control, and therefore in EVERYTHING I can give thanks - not because of the situation but because of the One who directs and rules over it.” –Kay Arthur





“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that, I still possess.” –Corrie ten Boom

“A spirit of thankfulness is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. Thank God in the midst of trials and every persecution.” –Billy Graham

“It’s one thing to be grateful. It’s another to give thanks. Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.” –Tim Keller 





2 Chronicles 5:13  
Psalm 9:1  
Ephesians 5:19-20  
Philippians 4:6  
1 Thessalonians 5:6



*Enter his gates  
with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him  
and praise his name.  
Psalm 100:4*

I WILL GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD BECAUSE  
OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

*Psalm 7:17*

# Short Thanksgiving Videos

[Is Your Thanksgiving Glass ½ Empty or ½ Full?](#)

[Our Thanksgiving Overflows](#)

[Thank You, Lord](#)

[Thanksgiving When the Sun Doesn't Always Shine](#)

[Thanksgiving As We Pass Through the Seasons of Life](#)





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great in Zion  
above all the

raise thy great  
for it is holy.  
strength also  
thou dost exalt

pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with  
thanksgiving, and into his courts  
with praise: be thankful unto  
him, and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his  
mercy is everlasting; and his  
truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 101

of David

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