

# Women of Faith Resources: November 2020



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## November Quotes

Taken from *Ministry of the Arts 2020 Calendar*

“We are profoundly united with every creature.” Pope Francis in *Laudate Si*

“Your only weapons: your voice, your pen, your vote.” Frederick Douglas

“Behold this day. It is yours to make.” Black Elk

## Featured Day - November 8: Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day’s date of birth was November 8, 1897. Dorothy Day was a writer and editor who founded the *Catholic Worker*, a newspaper that became a voice for the poor during the Great Depression. Day’s unwavering characteristics were charity and pacifism. Her pacifism was often considered to be controversial. But, her deeply spiritual life and her work among the poorest of the poor are admired by persons engaged in addressing the current problems of society.

When Pope Francis addressed the U.S. Congress in September 2015, he focused much of his speech on four Americans he found particularly inspiring, one of whom was Dorothy Day. Day’s

name was perhaps unfamiliar to millions watching the Pope's speech on television. But his praise of her indicated how influential her life's work with the Catholic Worker Movement was to his own thoughts about social justice. Dorothy Day died in New York City on November 29, 1980.

If you are unfamiliar with Dorothy Day or the Catholic Worker Movement, you might consider reading her biography entitled *The Long Loneliness*. For additional information, visit [Dorothy Day biography at thoughtco.com](http://DorothyDaybiographyatthoughtco.com) and [catholicworker.org](http://catholicworker.org).

## **Praying with Dorothy Day: Excerpts from Dorothy Day's Writings**

[Dorothy Day and the Need to Pray](#)

### **Dorothy Day quotes to ponder:**

“Don't worry about being effective. Just concentrate on being faithful to the truth.”

“We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.”

“To feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the harborless without also trying to change the social order so that people can feed, clothe, and shelter themselves is just to apply palliatives. It is to show a lack of faith in one's fellows, their responsibilities as children of God, heirs of heaven.”

## **Some Practices for November on Thanksgiving and Gratitude**

- Each day express your appreciation to someone.
- What unexpected event has brought you gratitude?
- What can you commit to not taking for granted from this moment on?
- Go on a quiet, meditative walk through your house. Stop and say prayers of thanks for all the good experiences you have had in each room.
- Clean your telephone or your computer and tell God how much you appreciate how these items help you make connections with other people.
- Compose a prayer to say before your Thanksgiving meal.
- Before retiring each evening, write in your journal what happened and for which you are grateful.
- What talents do you have for which you are thankful?
- What life lessons have you learned for which you are thankful?
- What animals have you had for which you are most thankful?

## Scripture Quotes for Thanksgiving

**Romans 12:3** “I’m speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you ...The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.”

**Colossians 4:2** “Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude.”

**2 Corinthians 9:13** “By being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the message of Christ, you show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone.

## Spiritual Reading

The following articles can nurture a sense of Thanksgiving and gratitude in our daily lives. You are invited to prayerfully reflect on the contents as you read.

[Gratitude: The Ultimate Spiritual Practice \(A Thanksgiving Special\)](#) by Luis E . Romero. This article describes the physical and mental well being that can come from gratitude. Forbes Magazine November 22, 2017.

[Reflections from Living in Gratitude: What is Gratitude?](#) by Angeles Arrien from her book *Living in Gratitude: A Journey That Will Change Your Life* found at gratefulness.org.

## Music for Thanksgiving

The music listed below is calming, creating quiet and peace in our lives. Enjoy it, let it soothe your entire being; let it move you to see all you are and have become.

[Best Christian Thanksgiving Songs](#): YouTube playlist by crockettable.

[Songs of Thanksgiving](#): YouTube playlist by D. Warner.

## Art for Thanksgiving

Contemplate, reflect, pray, or journal as you gaze at the art that follows.



*[cute-calendar.com/category/00017-thanksgiving](http://cute-calendar.com/category/00017-thanksgiving)*

Pray with this “We Give Thanks to God” decor or with one you are imagining.



*<https://www.countryliving.com/life/g3879/thanksgiving-facts>*

And so, we pray ... what do you hear in your memory of Thanksgiving meals?



*<https://www.masterstudies.com/article/How-International-Students-Can-Celebrate-Thanksgiving/>*

This is an International Thanksgiving. What might be different as several nationalities celebrate Thanksgiving?

## Website for Thanksgiving

[Thanksgiving: Day and Traditions | HISTORY.com](#): This site offers history as well as facts and trivia to help us know more about and celebrate Thanksgiving.



**We stand together near or from afar. We continue to be masked and/or are quarantined.**

**We pray to stay safe and healthy.**

**Gathered here, online, as Women of Faith, we continue to celebrate all health care workers and we pray for all persons who have contracted, struggled to recover, or passed away from the coronavirus.**

**Women of Faith say to every reader:**

**HAPPY HARVEST! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**BLESSED DAYS FOR EACH OF YOU and FOR ALL OF US!**

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