

## **Father God, we are Thankful**

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*A spoken word/scripture alive presentation for three voices to be performed on thanksgiving Sunday based on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 NLT. The **lines in bold** could be projected on the screen for the congregation to join in. Take a breath together to start as one -*

ALL Dear brothers and sisters,

ONE -honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work.

TWO They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.

THREE Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work.

TWO And live peacefully with each other.

ONE *(To God)* **Father God, we are thankful for our leaders.**

*Beat.*

ALL Brothers and sisters,

THREE -we urge you to warn those who are lazy.

ONE Encourage those who are timid.

TWO Take tender care of those who are weak.

ALL Be patient with everyone.

ONE Did you catch that part?

ALL Be patient with everyone.

THREE See that no one pays back evil for evil,

ONE but always try to do good to each other-

ONE & TWO - and to all people.

ALL Do good to all people.

ONE *(To God)* **Father God, we are thankful for our community.**

*Beat.*

ALL Brothers and sisters,

TWO Always be joyful.

THREE Never stop praying.

ONE Never-

TWO Never-

TWO & THREE Never stop praying.

ALL Be thankful in all circumstances.

ONE Did you catch that part?

ALL Be thankful in all circumstances.

THREE For this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

TWO And you do belong to Christ Jesus.

ONE *(To God)* **Father God, we are thankful for our connection to you.**

*Beat.*

ALL Brothers and sisters,

TWO Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.

THREE Do not scoff at prophecies,

ONE -but test everything that is said.

ALL Hold on to what is good.

TWO Hold on.

THREE Hold on.

ALL Hold on to what is good.

TWO And stay away from every kind of evil.

ONE *(To God)* **Father God, we are thankful for your word.**

*Beat.*

ALL            Now, brothers and sisters,  
THREE        -may the God of peace make you holy in every way,  
TWO           -and may your whole spirit-  
ONE           -and soul-  
THREE        -and body-  
TWO           -be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.  
ONE           God will make this happen,  
ALL           -for he who calls you is faithful.  
ONE           *(To God)* **Father God, we are thankful for your faithfulness.**  
ALL           Amen.

End.