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Greetings Sir Knights!

As 2023 starts to wind down, we are coming into the holiday seasons. Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa are fast approaching. I wanted to share with you “A Prayer of Thanksgiving” which was published on the cover of the November 1997 Knight Templar magazine:

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts wit thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail. Amen.

As we look at the conflicts taking place around the world, it may be difficult to be thankful at the present time for all that we have. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is always watching over us and will be there to help guide us through all of the strife currently taking place.

**I wish all of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.
Please take some time to spend with family and friends to
celebrate all that we have and all that we have to be thankful for.**

Sincerely and fraternally,

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