



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"Thanksgiving is the only God acknowledging holiday that has not been infiltrated by secularism and commercialism."

In Everything Give Thanks

There are many historical markers in my county seat of York, PA. One states that we are "The first Capital of the United States". Another marker tells the story about: Surrender to the Confederates without a shot fired. I have seen and touched one that most people do not know about - "The First National Thanksgiving" marker, located across from the County offices.

"The First National Thanksgiving was proclaimed from York by the Continental Congress on November 1, 1777 to be celebrated on Thursday, December 18. It was written by Sam Adams of Massachusetts. 'The Father of the Revolution', who advocated for the first time, 'One day of public thanksgiving' for all of the states after the battle of Saratoga. 'That with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts.'" Marker by the National Thanksgiving Foundation

The following is from the Thanksgiving Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. Washington, D.C. October 3, 1863:

"...They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union..."

Let us this Thanksgiving: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name." Ps 100:4



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[See and read the story about this marker and that event.](#)

[Look up and read the Bible verses about giving thanks, this Thanksgiving Day.](#)

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