"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness." That's what being thankful is. It is a strong way to show gratitude for the things you love or have. Many people have different views of what the word expresses, to me it means just that. Everyone is thankful for most things in their life too.

I'm thankful for everything I have like the roof over my head, the clothes I wear, the shoes, the water I drink, the food my parents buy or spend hours on making, the electricity and so many other things. Everything I have or have ever received, I cherish it. The things my parents buy me show how hard they work every single day to make me happy and to get me where I am now.

My parents take time off their day to help me grow or to talk about things and make my day. I'm thankful for my fun and even sad memories. I'm thankful for the joy and laughter, I'm thankful for the mistakes I make. They give me the chance to learn, grow and fix my mistakes. I am thankful for being on this earth and the change I want to see in the world.

I'm thankful for my friends, they help me show my true colors, my true personality, the real me.I've always been shy to share my true personality because I wanted to fit in. Now I act myself all the time without a care in the world. I wouldn't have been the person I am today if my friends weren't there, and I bottled up my true personality. I'm thankful for being. Me.

I'm thankful for my family, they are always there to talk if I need to, I love to spend time with them and laugh because of the silly jokes we make. We always find a way to laugh and make someone smile and make their day complete. I'm thankful for the thoughtfulness of my family. I don't ask but they see things in the store and get them for me because "it made me think of you" or "I know you like these type of stuff" that shows me they care about me. No matter what happens my family will never break apart.

I'm thankful for everything because "gratitude is when memories are stored in the heart and not just the mind."

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