I am thankful for my family. Not only because they put a roof over my head, but because I feel safe. I am thankful for my friends because they support me in the best way possible! I feel loved and lucky to have all these special people in my life. I use a wheelchair every day because I have level ¾ Cerebral Palsy, but I promise you that does not define me!

I am thankful and lucky to have makeup, skincare, clothes, technology, a beautiful neighborhood, a school, and more! This year, I've gone through some highs and lows. I had two hip surgeries which were scary. I have anxiety which sometimes causes panic attacks but that does not stop me! I celebrated my 10th birthday this year and was able to independently stand up out of my wheelchair for a shocking five minutes! I was also picked to represent my 5th grade class for the student council board! I can go on and on!

The reason I've had an opportunity to do all of this is because of faith, hope and thanks! I will forever be blessed and thankful for my friends and family! I am going to end this a bible verse; "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus — Philippians 4:6-7

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