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What I am Thankful for this Year?

Thanksgiving is a holiday that commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. It is held in the US on the fourth Thursday in November. This year it is going to be celebrated on the 28th of November. I am looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving. I am thankful for three important things this year. The following are the one true God, my family, and my freedom.

First, I am grateful for God and my religion. God is the creator of all things. He created this world that all of us humans live on and all the food that we eat. I am thankful for God and for his guidance, comfort, and peace that he brings to me. God has surrounded me with a loving family and friends. He has given me faith to believe that anything is possible. He died for us on the cross to protect us from sin. God is the ultimate savior of all of us.

Secondly, I am grateful for my family. My family got me through so many hard times and are always there for me. They are responsible for all the amazing memories I have with them. Without them I could have never gotten to where I am now. Whenever I am sad they always hug me, comfort me, and ask me what is wrong. My mom always makes delicious food in the kitchen and she lets me help out. That has created a strong bond between us. My dad and I always have tickle fights and play with each other. We have this ongoing game of tag and randomly whenever one of us is laying down we would go tag them and we would chase after each other trying to get the last tag. That created a strong bond between us. Whenever my sister is home before she goes to college my dad and her like to team up and tickle me. We really have a lot of fun. I always talk to her, she plays with me, and teaches me a bunch of different card games like spit.My family and I have a special bond that no one can replace and I will cherish for life.

Lastly, I'm thankful for my freedom. Freedom is the right to do whatever we want. For example, we can live our own life, get an education, and be able to have our own career like a lawyer or a doctor. I'm glad to have the freedom of getting an education. I am lucky to be able to choose which school I go to such as a religious school like St Joseph Hill Academy. Some children in other countries don't have the opportunity to choose a school to go to. I am thankful to pick which home I want and have the freedom of feeling safe in my own home, neighborhood, and country. I am most grateful for our past, current, and future soldiers' who fight for our freedom. As you can see the three most important things I am thankful for are God, family, and my freedom. There are more things I'm thankful for but those are the top three. Without them my life would be a whole lot different. You can express your gratitude on Thanksgiving by baking some food and giving it to a neighbor or just being present.