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Thanksgiving is a holiday quite overlooked. Some people just skip right over it and go to Christmas, and to be honest I do that as well. But I've realized just how important it is to be grateful, even if it's not the holidays.

One reason why I'm grateful right now is that I have friends. While it is very common to have friends, -whether two or three- having friends is a privilege, at least to me. Having someone to talk to that's around your age can really make you feel heard, it also makes you have a happier mood and laugh a bit more. I'm so happy I have friends of mine.

Another reason why I'm grateful is that I have a family. Having a family can also be seen as a privilege. There are some kids around the world who are either all alone, or in an abusive household. It's sad that this happens, but because of that, we have to look at what we have and be grateful. I've lost some loved ones of mine, but I'm okay, because I know they are somewhere better. My dad was actually in a situation where his life was on the line with a gun involved, thankfully, he is still with me today.

And finally, on the topic of family, I'm grateful for my family's health. Sickness is a part of life, everyone knows that. But sometimes I regret not spending more time with loved ones of mine that passed away from sicknesses, like cancer. So, because of that, I remind myself of all the good things that happen while being with them. My mom, for example, has been through a lot, like cancer. My abuelita died from cancer, so I was worried I would lose my mom. But by the grace of God, she is still here. And apparently yesterday, my mom passed out at night and her head almost hit the bath wall, which she could've broken her head or neck. Thats why I'm so happy my mom is alright.

In conclusion, this Thanksgiving I have much to be thankful for, from friends to family, I'm grateful I'm able to spend my time with these people. :)