

I am grateful for.

Every year when Thanksgiving comes around, I get asked the same questions: “What are you grateful for?” and “Are you excited for Thanksgiving?” I always give the same boring answer because I'm tired of getting asked the same question every year. But if you were to ask me on a deeper level how I feel about Thanksgiving, I would tell you how the day of Thanksgiving is such a pleasing day for me and how my mood boosts every time Thanksgiving comes around. I enjoy getting pretty and taking pictures for Thanksgiving, finally seeing family that lives far away, and how all the cousins get together after so long and just mess around together until like three in the morning. Then, we wake up the next morning to pancakes after eating a big meal just the night before, and being able to sit together and laugh together after not being together for so long. I would tell you how warm and safe that makes me feel, but most importantly, I would tell you how thankful I truly am to have a roof over my head and how my parents do whatever it takes to make sure I'm okay and that I'm blessed. I would also tell you about my sister and best friends, and how I could be having the worst day of my life, but as soon as my sister comes around, my mood changes so quickly. My best friends have shown me what genuine friendship looks like and always tell me what I need to hear, not what I want to hear. After that, I would tell you how much love I hold for these people and how thankful and blessed I really am to have them. I'm grateful for all the deep conversations I've had with Ella and Kamora. I'm grateful for how Drew and I have never changed, even through thick and thin. I'm grateful for all the times my sister has held me and told me it's okay, even when I felt my world was ending. I'm grateful for my parents always pushing through for me and always making sure I have what I want and need. Most importantly I'm grateful for everything Jesus has done and blessed me with and making sure I wake up everyday and see another day.

