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**THANKFULNESS,
A CRITICAL ASPECT OF
OUR INTERCESSION**

BY DAVID KUBAL

Thankfulness is such a critical aspect of our intercession and an expression of our reliance on our Almighty God. A thankful heart releases us from the constant barrage of negative news and the depressing reality that life brings.

Psalms 100:4 says, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name." This is to be our beginning posture. We must begin our intercession by thanking God for all that He does for us, and then moving into praising Him for the character trait that propels Him to act this way.

As you go about this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to challenge all those around you to move beyond the negativity of the day, enter into thanksgiving for God's provision, and move into praise for His character.

—David Kubal, President and CEO of Intercessors for America

NOVEMBER 13 PERSECUTED CHURCH

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LIFE'S BLESSINGS

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*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is
the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."*

—1 Thessalonians 5:18

Isn't it far too easy to focus on life's challenges rather than life's blessings? Unlike our 19th Century forebears, who would have heard little news from across the nation and globe in their lifetimes, we're constantly bombarded by far too much information and negative news. Add to these stressors or frenetic lifestyles and it's no surprise that so many of us are weary and heavy laden. No wonder that fear, worry and anxiety abound! Is there a solution? Indeed there is!

Paul tells us to, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). What a great idea! Rather than seeing life as a half empty cup, you should praise God for a half full cup of blessing! Let's follow President George Washington's advice: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, and to obey His will and be grateful for His benefits." Are you giving thanks to God daily, or even hourly?

As the Thanksgiving holiday nears, we certainly have much for which to thank God.

I hope you will see the benefit of giving thanks in all circumstances every day of the year. After all, this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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**NOVEMBER 2011
PRAYER FOCUS**

Sunday, November 6, 2011

VETERANS – This Friday is Veterans' Day. Offer thanksgiving for the U.S. Armed Forces, for all who have served and who are serving in the military. Pray that all U.S. veterans, all serving in the military, and their families would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, November 13, 2011

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH – Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Join with millions in prayer around the world. Today, there are more Christians enduring persecution for their faith than at any other time in Church history.

Sunday, November 20, 2011

THANKSGIVING – Thursday is Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. Acknowledge and offer sincere gratitude that your life, redemption, all provision, and every good thing you have received has been given to you from your heavenly Father through the eternal merits of Jesus Christ. (Jn 3:27, Js 1:17)

Sunday, November 27, 2011

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES – Offer thanksgiving for the work of our U.S. intelligence agencies that have thwarted many attempted terrorist attacks this year. Pray for God's hand of protection upon our nation and families.