

## Welcome to the Gratitude Challenge!

In the tapestry of life, gratitude serves as a radiant thread that weaves together the fabric of our existence, creating a masterpiece of joy and well-being. As Christians, we are called to embrace gratitude as a transformative force, recognizing its profound influence on our spirits, minds, and bodies. The act of expressing gratitude is not merely a pleasant social courtesy; it is a profound spiritual practice that resonates with the teachings of Christ and holds the power to enhance the quality of our lives.

## "Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ~

Through gratitude practices, you can become more attuned with your highest self and begin to look at life through a pure lens of God's love—and fully see, and appreciate, the blessings that have always been there. Plus, dozens of neuroscience studies have shown when you give and receive gratitude dopamine and serotonin are released in your brain which leads to feelings of pleasure, happiness, and overall well-being. Being grateful activates "gratitude" circuits in your brain, strengthening positive neural pathways which makes you a more positive and hope-focused person. Gratitude can literally makes you a healthier and happier person.

Ahead you'll find various gratitude journaling prompts to help rewire your brain to focus on the positives in your life and in the world. Ultimately, choosing to see the good allows you to become more open to receiving even more good—and maybe, just maybe, the more open we become, the more empathetic and Christ-like we will be, too.

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This journal is designed with 31 gratitude prompts for a whole month of focused thankfulness. The final pages are left blank so you can copy them as many times as you would like, punch three holes in the side, and add them to your own gratitude notebook. Try to go as many days as possible with your journaling!

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ay 5: Write about a success/achievement yo	ou are most proud of (and who helped you)

y 7. Things you love about God's creation	Day 8: Things that help you in our daily life
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y 9: What do you love most about yourself	

ay 11: Things in your home you appreciate	Day 12: List "tools" that help you save time
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y 23: Write a thank-you note to yourself.	

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25: Your favorite movies	Day 26: Animals you love
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y 27: One of the best experiences you've h	ad this year was
y 28: Where I feel the love of God most	
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Day 29: A failure or mistake in your life for which you are grateful
Day 30: Write about a tradition for which you're grateful
Day 31: What a thank-you note to Jesus.

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