

30 Things to Thank God for This November!

A Grown-Up Scavenger Hunt



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Read over the list and then stick it in your journal or planner or on your desk or fridge, somewhere you'll see it often. Keep your eyes open and see if you can collect every item – witness each blessing – on the list!

1. **A Sensational Smell** It brought back a special memory. It'll be part of a new memory.
2. **A Glorious Sunrise or Sunset** I took the time to witness. I also captured its magnificence for posterity and / or shared it with others. I chose to revel in its beauty secretly.
3. **A Baby Smiling** I made the baby smile. The baby made me smile. We were both smiling.
4. **A Scripture That Seemed to Be Written for Me** It was new to me. It's a favorite or familiar verse, but it spoke to me in a new way.
5. **The Faithfulness of a Friend** I reached out to them to thank them. I thanked God for them. I told someone else about them and what they mean to me.
6. **A Tremendous Taste** I got the recipe. I invented / made the recipe. I blessed the person who first thought of the recipe.
7. **Something Bad That Didn't Happen** though it could have or should have. (A gift of grace) It was like a little gift from God. It was a *big* gift. I'm still in shock, really.
8. **A Heart-Felt Spirit-Soaring Song Being Sung** I heard it sung live. I heard it on the radio or in a video. I was the one singing.
9. **A Cloud That Looked Like Something** I've never seen anything like it. I often see things like this. **BONUS:** I was so inspired, I listened to Louie Armstrong's "Wonderful World" and / or Rich Mullins' "Pictures in the Sky" on YouTube.
10. **A "Bare Necessity of Life"** I was suddenly reminded not to take for granted. I gave thanks for other "bare necessities," while I was at it. I felt prompted to pray for those in need.
11. **A Great Book or Movie** that I enjoyed (or enjoyed again) this month. I spread the word: two thumbs up! I shared it with someone. A Silent Night, no interruptions or distractions!
12. **A Random Act of Kindness**, something small but thoughtful that was done for me, or that I witnessed, or that I was privileged to do for someone else. It was done for me. I saw it done. I got to do it. I want to do it for someone else.
13. **A Sale on Something I Actually Need(ed)** when I need(ed) it. I got one. I got two or five or ten. I got some for my friends.
14. **Something Growing**, plant, animal, person, ministry, or outreach (my waistline, from all the holiday treats - just kidding!) It's just as it should be! This is such a surprise! Can't wait to see what's next!
15. **A Day the Weather Was Perfect** (whatever that means to me). It was warm and sunny. It was crisp and cool! It was _____.

16. Someone with the Most Adorable Dimples or Freckles or the Twinkliest Eyes I was looking at someone new. I was looking at someone I love. I was looking in the mirror. **BONUS:** I found one of each. **TRIPLE BONUS:** I found someone with ALL three!

17. An Angel (a decoration, figurine, snow angel, an “angel” figuratively or literally, in disguise or otherwise) It inspired me to re-read, art journal, or FB share Psalm 91. It inspired me to be an “angel” myself on behalf of someone else. It inspired me to hum Abba’s “I Believe in Angels” for the rest of the day.

18. A Servant’s Heart, someone being Jesus’ hands and feet, loving others sacrificially. This was something extraordinary I was privileged to witness or hear about. This was an ordinary yet extraordinary thing I was privileged to witness or hear about.

19. An Act of Creativity (mine or someone else’s) that honored the infinite creativity of our Creator God It was beautiful! It was whimsical! It was awe-inspiring!

20. Something New I Learned I was proud of me! My friends / family were proud of me! I humble-bragged about it on social media. It had to do with social media.

21. An Answer to Prayer It came quickly! It was long-awaited. It really taught me something.

22. Someone Who Could Be Crabby, But Isn’t, choosing to be cheerful, in challenging circumstances I know this person. I don’t know them, but I observed them. I was humbled and/or inspired.

23. Something I Got to Cross Off My To-Do List I found the time and / or resolve to get it done. I found it was taken care of for me. I found the freedom to let it go and move on.

24. Scavenger’s Choice: _____

25. A Good Listener They were listening to me. They were listening to others. They were listening to Jesus.

26. An Autumn Tradition or Celebration or Service I do this every year. I’ve always wanted to do this (or wondered why other people do this). I think I’ve found a new holiday tradition!

27. Something That Doesn’t Feel Like a Blessing that I choose to thank God for by faith, as an act of obedience. I eventually came to see this as a blessing, while I still remembered where I put this list. I did NOT, but that’s not why I did this.

28. The Sound of Happy, Healthy Laughter I have no idea what was so funny, but it was great to hear. I was one of the people laughing. I’m still laughing. **BONUS** I watched “I Love to Laugh” from Mary Poppins on YouTube

29. Healing Tears (tears of joy or sorrow– compassion, repentance, forgiveness, honest pain) The tears were mine. The tears were someone else’s. We wept together. (Rom 12:15)

30. A Moment When I Was Aware of or Experienced God’s Presence in Some Way.

I journaled about this or blogged about this or shared it on social media. I shared this with a friend or family member in person. I “pondered it in my heart.”