

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional (November 27, 2013)**

*"Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6*

"Mary had a little lamb" was not her best work. Although her major surviving writing was the children's poem actually Sara Hale's best work was making Thanksgiving Day happen.

For many years, this famous writer and editor promoted the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day. She kept up the pressure until Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November, 1863 as "a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

As you gather this week to celebrate this day, take time and celebrate the following as someone wrote.

*Count your blessings instead of your pains.*

*Count your gains instead of your losses.*

*Count your joys instead of your woes.*

*Count your friends instead of your foes.*

*Count your laughs instead of your fears.*

Also, thank God for leftovers and dirty dishes. It means you were blessed with an abundance of food and plenty to eat!

If for some reason, you are going through difficult times during this season, remember Jesus promises "never to leave you or forsake you." God loves you! He cares for you! He is a good God!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and see you in church Sunday which is the first Sunday of Advent.

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