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The Holidays Are Upon Us

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As the weather cools, the trees are changing their bright green summer clothing for the brilliant colors of fall. Reds, oranges and yellows splash across the landscape. There's a hint of frost in the air. The work of spring and summer is rewarded with a bountiful harvest. Fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful in stores. There is a new hope in the air.

Children are looking forward to the fun of Halloween. It may not be a day off from school, but it is still a time for children of all ages to dress up, have fun, play pranks and eat-up-too-much candy. Traditions are being kept alive. Pumpkins are being carved into jack-o-lanterns. Costumes are being sewn. Children will bring, if covered long enough, spiders, people that snatch and consume, Candles light the way to chaos/exercise the following day. All Hallows day or All Saints day, usually November 1st. Celebrated with parties and apple cider, trick or treating, laughter and mischief. Halloween kicks off the holiday season.

Once the festivities are over, fall leaves, pumpkins, gourds and cornucopia take the place of witches and ghosts in our household decorations. Preparations begin for feasting and family. It is time to give thanks. We will soon gather with friends and family for Thanksgiving dinner and give thanks for all that we have. We turn our thoughts away from everyday stresses to count our blessings.

We give thanks for friends who support us in the fulfillment of our dreams. We give thanks for family members who love us no matter what. We give thanks for our homes and the food on our tables. We give thanks for our health. Times may be difficult. We may not have the things we used to have. We may sometimes feel frustrated, tired and alone. But we can always find something to be thankful for.

We are never alone, there is always someone who loves and cares for us. As long as we are alive, we have something to offer to the world. When we give thanks for what we have, instead of worrying about what we don't, we find there is always more than enough.

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