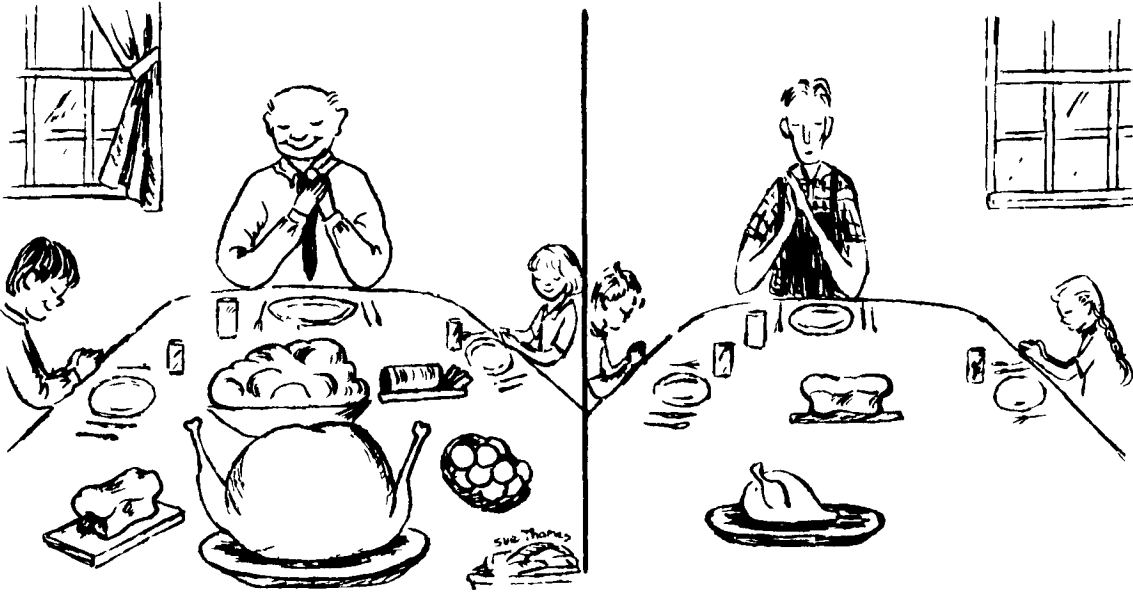


# Thanksgiving prayer, 1983

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN



## In the city

Thank You for all of this cheap, plentiful food.

- Our plump, juicy turkey at 69 cents a pound.
- Our corn at 50 cents a pound.
- Our cranberry sauce at 40 cents a pound.
- Our bread at 35 cents a pound.
- Our potatoes at 20 cents a pound.

Thank You for this long, four-day holiday weekend of leisure and feasting.

Thank You for the lovely weather to go to our holiday football games. And, this winter, may we have continued nice weather with just enough snow for weekend skiing and sledding.

Thank You for the well-stocked super markets with the dairy cases that give the milk, the counters and shelves that provide our meat and vegetables.

And, thank You for the beautiful country scenery to drive through as we visit Grandma this weekend. Please keep these open spaces - as long as it doesn't cost any taxes and doesn't increase our food bills.

## In country

As stewards of Your land, we thank You for another year of planting, growth and harvesting -- that which makes all life possible.

But during the coming year, could You make a few adjustments:

Spread out the rain a little more -- less in the spring and save some for the summer.

A little moderation in the heat, too.

And, a good snow cover this winter would help replenish the ground moisture.

If You have any say in Washington, guide them as they change farm programs and dream up new ones. We just don't need another PIK.

If you can see your way clear, a bit higher share of the food dollar would be appreciated back on the farm, instead of going only to the middle man.

And on this Day of Thanks remind those in the cities and towns that the real source of everything on their dinner tables is here on the farm.

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE  
**SOMETHING "SPECIAL"**  
November 20, 1983

**Background Scripture:**  
Colossians 3:1-17; 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9-17.

**Devotional Reading:**  
Colossians 3:1-12.

As I write these words, the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Rams are locked in battle in a pre-season pro football contest that will be forgotten in a few weeks. By the time you read these words, the pro football races in the various divisions, although hardly settled, should be pretty far along to that not-distant goal of the Super Bowl championship. At this time, most of the college and high school championships are pretty well decided. Hundreds of thousands of people will feel some sense of exhilaration in identifying with some winner on the gridiron. Everyone wants to feel part of something "special."

**CALLED OUT**  
Also, by the time you read this, there will have been important elections all across the country and the victory celebrations of the politically successful will be similar to those whose teams have conquered on the football field. Some people feel very "special" by having chosen the right political candidate. Other people achieve pretty much the same thing in more subtle ways: feeling "special" by attending the right school, joining the right fraternity,

sorority or country club, living in the right neighborhood, just to name a few.

Yet, very often the feeling of being "special" doesn't stay with us very long. So you won the Rose Bowl last year — what does that matter today? So your candidate won the election a week ago — how long will that make you feel "special?" How much of someone else's success can really be shared by others?

Anyone who takes seriously his or her discipleship for Jesus Christ has access to being something "special" that does not fade with time and cannot be taken from us. In fact, it is the one distinction that has ever-lasting significance, for it is a "specialness" that is conferred by God. It is the Lord who calls each of us to be part of this something "special."

### GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Peter puts it in never-to-be-forgotten terms:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people... (2:9)

It is an impressive salutation, is it not? And its relevance, and significance reach far beyond any Academy Award, Heisman Trophy, or world championship.

Yet, these words represent, not an acknowledgement of achievement, but of mission. What makes us "special" as disciples of Christ is the glorious task to which he has called us:

...that you may declare the deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (8:10)

Fifty years from now, who will remember any of the "special" recognitions that seem so important today? One hundred years from now? Five hundred years? But in God's eternity the something "special" of responding to his call will not have dimmed one bit.

## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
Hunterdon N.J. County Board of Agriculture annual meeting at 6 p.m. in the Quakertown, N.J. fire house.

Wayne Co. 4-H final aluminum can collection from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patrick's Farm Machinery.  
Lancaster Farmers Association farm tours from 1 to 5 p.m. Continues tomorrow.

**Monday, Nov. 21**  
1983 Forage and Seed Conference at Keller Conference Center, Penn State.

Wayne Co. Milker Management School from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Salem Township Municipal Building. Continues tomorrow.

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**  
York DHIA annual meeting and banquet.

Youth Education Workshop, Pa. Association of Farmer Cooperatives, Huntingdon.  
Lancaster County Ag Industry banquet at 7 p.m. at Historic Strasburg.

Conference on Poultry Waste Conversion at J.O. Keller Conference Center Building,

Penn State. Continues tomorrow.

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**  
Bradford County Critical Bridge Survey at 12:30 p.m., Extension Office.

**Friday, Nov. 25**  
Bradford County 4-H County Council elections at 8 p.m. at the Extension Office.

### OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER STORIES

#### Snowball's chance

I'm a dairyman's mother who knows what our government is trying to do to the small farmer who is ever so hard trying to make ends meet. But you people in your fancy offices are slowly pulling the plug.

Put yourselves in the place of a farmer with a family. First of all you take \$500.00 a month from him and that lets very little money for food on the table. Now, I ask you — how do you tell your children that there is no food to eat because the government took your money?

Then, there is the feed for the cattle. Thanks to the government that has doubled in the past year. How can you afford not to feed the animals that support you and help to pay your bills? Or do you stop feeding so our big shots can get a few more dollars to wine and dine.

You people in government never did a good day's work. That's why things are the way they are. Do you worry that it's going to rain so that the crops will grow? We farmers don't get large \$5,000 raises to meet our expenses, or for a night out. But you do.

I deeply and sincerely feel our government is forcing the farmers of Pennsylvania out of farming.

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## NOW IS THE TIME

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### To "Push The Pencil"

Farm records are a very important part of modern farming; they are needed for tax purposes and for the benefit of farm planning. Since we are nearing the end of the cropping season, and the end of the calendar year, it might be a good time to do some office work and determine the best enterprises for the past year. You'll need to consider any unusual circumstances such as the dry

### weather and diseases.

Time spent in analyzing farm records, and in planning the future based upon these records, should be very worthwhile. Major decisions are hard to make but are very important in today's farming. We hope that good farm records can contribute in these decisions.

### For An Avian Influenza Update

I do not plan to take a lot of time in this column to review the very

damaging poultry problem because it is covered very well by this paper. But I do feel that I should give you some of my impressions. It is very comforting to know that so very many people are giving long hard hours, days and weeks to solving the problem. I have seen competing industries working together for a common goal...that of eradicating Avian Influenza. The many dif-

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