

And so we reach the ultimate Thankful Thursday. This Thanksgiving Day I reiterate every gratitude I have expressed in all of my Thankful Thursday posts this year, and multiply them by seven:

> For my children my mother my students the warmth of the sun on my skin for questions that make me go “hmmm” for life’s lessons my job the friendships I’ve made there my reading niche and the occasional company there my free unlimited wireless connection to God the opportunities to get together with family for His example of humility and His gift of the Eucharist for second chances for answered prayers and unanswered prayers cameras and digital photo frames patience unexpected small gestures my family and friends watching my daughter blossom short work weeks normal days the reciprocity of friendship Jesus the opportunities He gives me for my hubby new adventures family memories for each and every second for surviving curveballs my health friends’ blessings dedicated teachers inexplicable gifts from God the chance to reminisce and the richness in my life for toilets the opportunity to teach for meaningful chats with friends the little things that make a difference my writing my cat that I live in a free country my parents for free will and those who give me perspective for the gift of faith and His unending grace.

That and so much more. Wishing all of you a blessed Thanksgiving Day. Hold those you love and care for close, oh ever so close.



How to observe Thanksgiving:

Count your blessings
instead of your crosses.
Count your gains
instead of your losses.
Count your joys
instead of your woes.
Count your friends
instead of your foes.
Count your smiles
instead of your tears.
Count your courage
instead of your fears.
Count your full years
instead of your lean.

Count your kind deeds
instead of your mean.
Count your health
instead of your wealth.
Count on God
instead of yourself.

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