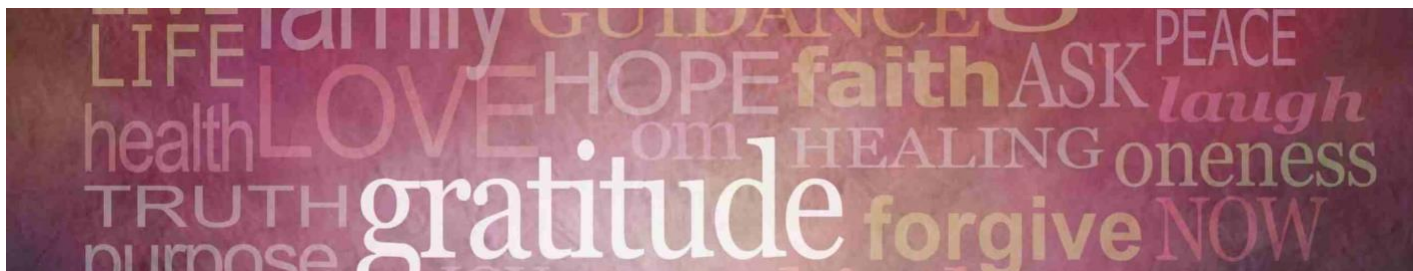




YOUR DESTINY IS HERE INC

LINDA J. IVEY MINISTRIES
GREATER IS COMING**DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: WORLD GRATITUDE DAY ::: SEPTEMBER 21ST**

Rev. Linda Ivey

Were you aware that in the month of September, there is a day set aside to celebrate gratitude. A day to reflect on all the blessings God has given you, your family, and friends. However, we should celebrate gratitude 24/7 - 365. If you're like most of us, God has given you income to cover your bills, and a family that loves and respects you. He has given you friends and colleagues who are supportive of you. Hopefully, you have taken advantage and are grateful for the church family He has provided for you.

You may ask, how do I know which I should be grateful for, which came from God, or which came from my own efforts, or which came from the devil trying to imitate God? In answer to the first part of the question, be grateful for everything because it all comes from God. Your desires to buy things or to pursue certain opportunities all come from God. God is omniscient, all knowing, and He knew the desires of your heart before you formed them into thoughts. All He asks is that we wait on Him for an answer of yes (it's time), no (this is not for you), or wait (it's not time).

In answer to the second part of the question, God softened the hearts of others to grant you favor when you asked for or bought anything. In a business transaction be grateful because God had them lower the price, or overlook your low credit score, or approve your request for time off. Be grateful because when you made a mistake, God told them to forgive you and to give you another chance.

Be grateful that God's gifts are "yea" and "amen" and aren't accompanied by sorrow and negativity. That toxic man or woman was not sent by God. That fraudulent business deal was not approved by God. They were tricks of the enemy. When we wait on the Lord for His approval, He gives us the desires of our heart.

Finally, know that the Lord loves and cares for us and He appreciates when we show Him that we are grateful.

Your Destiny is Here, Inc. provides resource information as a public service for persons in need. While we try to keep the information timely and accurate, we make no guarantees. Services provided by listed organizations and businesses are the sole responsibility of the organization or business.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



1 Timothy 4:4

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.

Proverbs 10:22

The blessings of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He add no sorrow with it.

Psalms 147:5

Great is our Lord, and abundant is power, His understanding is beyond measure.



with Ashanti Raysor :::

::: The Virtue of Gratitude

In a world that constantly tells us to want more, achieve more, and become more, gratitude can feel almost revolutionary. We are surrounded by reminders of what we do not have — more money, a better career, a bigger home, more recognition, etc.

Somewhere along the way, we can become so focused on reaching the next destination that we forget to appreciate where we are standing. Gratitude is a reflection of our faith, our character, and the way we choose to move through the world. It teaches us humility by reminding us that not everything we have was accomplished alone, and that behind many of our blessings are people, opportunities, circumstances, and moments of grace that we did not create ourselves.

Gratitude is not about pretending that life is perfect. It is not ignoring pain, disappointment, injustice, or the things we still hope to change. That distinction matters.

Gratitude does not come without faith. Faith reminds us that not every blessing arrives on our timeline, and sometimes the waiting, the correction, and even the closed doors are part of our growth. To live with gratitude is therefore not to ignore life's difficulties, but to remain grounded through them — to be humble when we succeed, gracious when we are disappointed, and intentional about treating others with dignity.

We often wait for something extraordinary before we allow ourselves to be grateful. Gratitude brings us back to our own lives. It reminds us that someone else's blessing does not diminish ours. Someone else's success does not mean we are failing.

And perhaps most importantly, gratitude should not only be something we feel — it should be something we express. Tell people you appreciate them while they are here. Thank the person who helped you when they did not have to. Acknowledge the friend who consistently checks on you. Appreciate the parent, mentor, teacher, coworker, sibling, neighbor, or stranger who made a difference in your life. Sometimes we assume people know how we feel, but there is power in hearing the words.

So take a moment to look around. Notice what you have, notice who you have, and notice how far you've come. Be grateful — not because life is perfect, but because life is still happening, and there is still something worth being thankful for.

TRIVIA QUESTION...

How did God show His gratitude to Abraham for his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac?

(Answer on last page)



PLACES FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Looking to learn more about God and gain insight into His Word? Explore the list of resources below! If you have a recommendation for a place that provides spiritual enrichment, please let us know so we can add it to the list. Thank you!

-
- ▶ **'Girl Talk'** | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on: Facebook: WTGB or online: click name above.
 - ▶ **Abiding Love Deliverance Center | 1520 West Blvd. Suite 1, Charlotte, NC 28208**
Sabbath Worship Experience Saturday 11am - Live Streaming via Zoom
Password: JESUSJOY / Apostles Tomy and Stephanie D. Jordan
 - ▶ **Change Church** | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am & 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
 - ▶ **Dare to Imagine Church** | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
 - ▶ **Ebenezer Baptist Church** | 2259 N. 10th Street, Phila., PA 19133
Sunday morning worship - 10:45am | Pastor Malcom Medley
 - ▶ **Faith Chapel Church** | 108 E Price St, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
 - ▶ **Mediator Lutheran Church** | 2832 N. 28th Street, Phila., PA 19132
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
 - ▶ **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia** - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
 - ▶ **Polite Temple Baptist Church** - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
 - ▶ **Providence Baptist Church** - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
 - ▶ **Temple of Divine Love Church** - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.
 - ▶ **Tindley Temple United Methodist Church** - 750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19146 | (215) 735-0442
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Pastor John Brice



RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication listed resources were available. Please contact to verify accessibility.

Feel free to share with friends, family, neighbors, social media and ministry groups, etc., or post on bulletin boards.

If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

FREE FOOD & PRODUCE

- ▶ Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm - 4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals Finder: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ Philly Pantries on Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Share Food Program, **Find Food**: Call 215-223-2220 or [CLICK HERE](#) or insert the following URL in your browser: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ The B.U.I.L.T. Community weekly community pantry distribution program. Every Wednesday, 1pm, 6702 Lebanon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151. Distribution times and available resources may vary based on inventory. Free food, household items, personal care products, clothing, and other donated resources for individuals and families in need. Bring your own bags. [CLICK HERE](#).

OTHER

- ▶ Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776 [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ East Falls Farmers' Market: Saturdays - 11 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets Finder: <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ The Food Trust: Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Center City Office - 1424 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 | 215-981-3700
North Philadelphia Office - 1410 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-2400
Services: Public Benefits, Employment, Housing, Debt & Consumer Rights, Utilities, Family, Criminal Records, and help for Seniors.
- ▶ **The Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** supports programs and services that help residents with home repairs. Free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, structural, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia Land Bank, 1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 686-9749

Key Organizations Offering Household Assistance

Philadelphia residents can access a variety of free or low-cost household services through local non-profits, city programs, and community resources.

- ▶ **Family Promise of Philadelphia**
Supports families experiencing housing instability with temporary housing and case management.
7047 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119, (215) 247-4663, Mon-Fri 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Broad Street Love**
Provides community support, including access to food, basic household assistance, and connection to other social programs. 315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 735-4847, Mon – Fri, 11:30AM – 3:00PM
- ▶ **NKCDC (New Kensington Community Development Corporation)**
Offers home repair programs, weatherization aid, and community development resources for lower-income residents.
2771 Ruth St., Ste 1, Philadelphia, PA 19134, (215) 427-0350, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Provides free legal assistance to low-income residents for housing issues, mortgage assistance, subsidized housing, and home repairs. 1410 W Erie Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140, (215) 227-2400, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Eviction Prevention Project 267.443.2500.** If you are at risk of being evicted from your rented apartment or house, the agencies listed below may be able to help. The Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project offers resources for tenants. Learn more about the legal help they offer, or visit their website for information on direct negotiation. If you think you are the victim of unfair rental practices or unsafe housing conditions, contact the Fair Housing Commission. This list is maintained by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS).

Energy and Utility Assistance (via city programs)

- ▶ Energy Coordinating Agency: Free home repairs including heater repairs and weatherization.
106 W Clearfield St, Philadelphia, PA 19133, (215) 609-1000, Mon – Fri, 8AM – 5PM
- ▶ Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF): Financial aid for residents facing utility shutoffs.
743 N 24th St 2nd fl., Philadelphia, PA 19130, (215) 972-5170, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) is giving away free fans (while they last) through local senior centers to senior citizens 60 and older. Contact Philadelphia Corporation on Aging (pcacares.org) or PCA Heatline 215.765.9040.
- ▶ PECO Customer Relief Fund offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors. CLICK HERE for more info.
- ▶ Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs
If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>
- ▶ PGW – Beginning November 1, 2025 PGW will not disconnect service for residential customers who are participating in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) or who have directed their LIHEAP grant to PGW this year in an early application with the Department of Human Services (DHS). To enroll in CRP call 215-235-1000 or CLICK HERE to Apply Online
- ▶ Smoke Alarms - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>
Philadelphia residents can call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation.
You can also submit a request to Philly 311 online.

HEALTH & HEALING RESOURCES

- ▶ Prevention Hotline | dial 211 - If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Specialists will listen to your needs and provide information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our search page to explore programs available in your community by category. Connect with a resource specialist via chat during business hours. CLICK HERE. NOTE: While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

► **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** | dial 988

If you are experiencing mental health distress or if you are considering self-harm, the 988 Lifeline can help. Life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.

[CLICK HERE for more info.](#)

- City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health ([city of Philadelphia health centers](#)) operates health clinics that offer free services regardless of your ability to pay. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.](#)
- [North Philadelphia Resource Hub](#) at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120, <https://www.misaludwellness.org>, offering the following services and much more:
 - Free At-Home Covid-19 & HIV Test Kits Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm Fri - 8:30 - 3:30
 - Free Walk-in Health Screenings - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm
- For COVID-19 vaccine locations near you [CLICK HERE](#)
- For COVID-19 testing site [CLICK HERE](#)
- For Mental Health help or support [CLICK HERE.](#)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Build Freedom.US](#) :: Build Your Future. Closing America's Skills gap. One scholarship at a time. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation, is on a mission to close America's growing skills gap by putting people on a path to essential, well-paying work. Through the largest trade scholarship program in the country, the Foundation has helped over 2,600 people train as electricians, welders, plumbers, HVAC technicians, and dozens of other in-demand trades – rewarding work ethic over GPA and proving you don't need a four-year degree to build a fulfilling, six-figure career. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)
- [Philadelphia School District Relaunches Parent and Family University](#)
Philadelphia school leaders are reinvesting in parent education to improve student outcomes and build trust between families and the district. They've announced the relaunch of the district's [Parent and Family University](#) program. Parents will be able to access new resources, like online classes, physical and mental health information, and tools to support their children's learning. In-person sessions will feature free babysitting and childcare services, food, and other resources. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)
- [Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center](#)
The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support student's success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>
- [Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs](#)
Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>
- **Free Classes** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. CLICK the links below for info...
 - [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
 - [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)

Jefferson Health Wellness Webinar Series:
A Community Conversation on Suicide Prevention with the David Farber ASPIRE Center
Thursday, September 17th | 7 – 8PM
[Register here.](#)

Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is **BLESSING**. A blessing is a gift, favor, or prayer that brings happiness, protection, or divine approval. While earthly blessings involve health, family, and resources, true blessing transcends material wealth. It focuses on alignment with God's will, inner peace, and forgiveness. How many common words can you make out of the word "**BLESSING**"? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours. (It's not cheating if you use the dictionary, in fact we encourage you to.)

2nd Thing - Last Month's word was **CHALLENGE**. Our Google search says there are approximately 151 or so words that can be made of **CHALLENGE**. Here's our top list of 40 words. How many words did you come up with?

- | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. Ace | 9. angle | 17. Eel | 25. glance | 33. Lag |
| 2. acne | 10. Can | 18. encage | 26. glean | 34. lance |
| 3. Age | 11. call | 19. enlace | 27. Hag | 35. leach |
| 4. Ale | 12. cell | 20. Gal | 28. hance | 36. leech |
| 5. All | 13. change | 21. Gee | 29. He | 37. Leg |
| 6. allege | 14. clang | 22. Gel | 30. Hen | 38. legal |
| 7. An | 15. clean | 23. Gen | 31. hence | 39. Nag |
| 8. angel | 16. eagle | 24. glace | 32. lace | 40. nah |

Now on to More Fun! (Click underlined links for details.)

- ▶ Labor Day Weekend 2026 in Philly: Festivals, Concerts, Attractions & More. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ 40+ Things to Do in Greater Philadelphia for Labor Day Weekend 2026. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ [FDR Park Labor Day Celebration](#): Enjoy a free outdoor family event featuring archery, nature walks, crafts, science activities, and a special appearance by Smokey Bear starting at 11:00 AM.

Other Things To Do

- ▶ Visit Philadelphia in September [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia Family events. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Explore Historic Germantown. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.
- ▶ Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid-Friendly Activities. [CLICK HERE](#).
- ▶ 40+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ 25+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ The 41 Essential Things to Do in Philadelphia (By a Local). [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Kids Out & About.com (includes the following)...[CLICK HERE](#)
 - Big List of Kid Friendly Museums in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Indoor Play Centers in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Escape Rooms in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Mommy Poppins – All Events for All Ages: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: [CLICK HERE](#)

DISCOVERY...



Gratitude is being thankful and showing appreciation for kindness, gifts, or the good things in life.

G	R	A	T	I	T	U	D	E	A	B	R	J
S	T	N	E	M	D	N	A	M	M	O	C	E
D	E	S	T	I	N	A	T	I	O	N	T	S
T	R	S	G	N	I	S	S	E	L	B	H	U
R	E	M	R	N	E	T	F	O	S	O	A	S
A	T	E	A	S	O	U	L	R	U	G	N	Y
E	C	A	C	H	I	E	V	E	O	O	K	T
H	A	O	E	A	M	A	Z	E	I	D	F	I
H	R	T	N	A	T	S	N	O	C	L	U	N
T	A	S	P	I	R	I	T	Z	A	O	L	G
I	H	A	T	C	E	L	F	E	R	V	P	I
A	C	K	N	O	W	L	E	D	G	E	M	D
F	S	T	E	T	A	I	C	E	R	P	P	A

WORD LIST

Achieve	Grace
Acknowledge	Gracious
Amaze	Gratitude
Appreciate	God
Blessings	Heart
Character	Jesus
Commandments	Love
Constant	Reflect
Destination	Soften
Dignity	Soul
Faith	Spirit
	Thankful

TRIVIA QUESTION...

How did God show His gratitude to Abraham for his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac?

THE ANSWER...

Genesis 22:13 - God provided a ram in the bush to substitute as a worthy sacrifice.

For additional DESTINY information or to visit our website [CLICK HERE](#).

Comments or questions? Email: lindaivey81@gmail.com

To **subscribe** to the YDH newsletter [CLICK HERE](#).

Visit, Like and Follow us on:

