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You Saved My Life!

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#)

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12, 17-18, 19b (NIV)

Sometimes there comes a feeling deep inside so full of gratitude that it overflows. It may spring from a delightful surprise, a visit with family, recovery from an illness, a goal accomplished, a meaningful conversation with a friend, or warm sunshine on a beautiful day.

That glorious feeling blooms in your heart and smiles on your face, reflecting God's great love. How can we thank God for all He does for us every day, as well as in these profound moments of bountiful joy?

Do you remember the episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* in which Andy puts out a small fire at the gas station where Gomer Pyle is napping? When Gomer realizes what has happened, he excitedly proclaims, "You saved my life! You saved my life!"

Gomer does everything he can think of to show Andy how thankful he is. He brings fresh fish for breakfast, mows the grass, washes the windows, and brings enough firewood for seven winters! He helps Opie with the chores and Aunt Bee in the kitchen.

He tells Andy, "Anything, to be of service to you and yours!" He does all these things with a big wide-eyed grin, a willing heart, tireless efforts, and a humble sincerity. "Little enough for the man that saved my life!" To top it all off, Gomer enthusiastically tells other folks what Andy did for him.

One of my favorite verses is Thessalonians 5:18: *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* Pollyanna's Glad Game reminds us to be glad about something in everything. God is here for us in the everyday moments as well as in the grand gifts of joy. What can we do for our LORD to show our thanks for all He does for us, even giving Jesus to save our lives?

We pray with joy and thanksgiving. We do deeds for others – "Anything, to be of service to you and yours!" We tell others about God, sharing His great love graciously *in the presence of all His people.* God saves our lives! God saves our lives!

Prayer: *Dear LORD, we love you! We are thankful that you hear us and are good to us. Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus. Help us to serve you and your people, sharing your love with joy and smiles. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

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