

## Annex 10

### Thankfulness in Prayer

#### Things to be Thankful For

*“Do not pursue what is illusory, property and position: all of that is gained at the expense of your nerves decade after decade, and it is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life—don’t be afraid of misfortune, and do not yearn for happiness; it is, after all, all the same; the bitter doesn’t last forever, and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don’t freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger do not claw at your insides, if your back is not broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see, if both ears hear, then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy devours us most of all.”—A.I. Sozhenitsyn*

(Many brothers and sisters do not have these things and for them we pray daily knowing that in heaven all that is lacking on this earth will be supplied. For those of us who have these things, or any of them, we have a reason to be thankful.)

That Jesus died for our sins

That Jesus loves us

That the Blood of the Lamb covers our sins

That Jesus ever lives to intercede for us.

That we who were not a people are now a part of the family of God.

That our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life

That we have a place to live (mansion) in heaven.

For the Holy Spirit

For healings for ourselves and God

For the Power and Characteristics of God

Because God loved us so much that he came to die for us so that we might live.

That we have eternal life.

That we have relatives and people that we already know and will know in the future who will join us in heaven.

We have reason to give thanks if we are any of those mentioned in Psm. 107. God brings the P.O.W. home; the homeless, he has found a place for; we who have ever been hungry and have been fed or thirsty and have found drink. If we have been rebellious and have found repentance; if we have been in travel dangers and have found safety; if we have been needy and had our needs met; if God has delivered us from oppression, calamity or sorrow and God has met our needs or consoled us-then we have reason to give him thanks. We must pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

***(Make your own list of things you can be thankful for.)***