

Roots

Thanks

Psalm 111: 1 (ESV) –

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

This psalm reminds us to be thankful to the Lord in the company of all believers. Beginning in the next verse, the psalmist praises God while recounting his great works. With the psalmist, we thank God for his works among us. Whether it's getting us safely to our tasks in the morning, speaking comfort to those who mourn or giving us forgiveness in Jesus' body and blood, we give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Dear Jesus, give us thankful hearts for all of your great work for, in and through us. Amen.

Thank you

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my brothers and sisters here at Tree of Life. Amber and I have been very blessed to know each of you. Your help and love throughout our short time here has been wonderful. We have never once felt like the new kids. You have made our transition easy and "burdenless." Thank you and thanks be to God for you.

Now, I would like to express my thanks for the great works that God did

through all of you for me and my family. So, for all of those that helped unpack our pod, for those who have hauled tables, for those who drove us around, for those who gave so much food, for those who have listened to my ideas, for those who gave of their talents at my ordination, for those who gave of and shared their abundance with us, for those who have eaten with us, laughed with us and cared for us I am very thankful. And, I thank you.

The fact is, I am thankful for and to all of you, because you have shown me just how truly blessed I am to be here at Tree serving as your pastor. Thank you, all of you, for this opportunity and the privilege of being your servant and your sheepdog.

May God bless and keep you all in the love of his Son, Jesus Christ, through his Spirit. Amen.

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