

DAY 1. MATERIAL MATTERS: Necessities

Give thanks to God for the provision of life's necessities:

- for shelter
 - for clothing
 - for food
 - for clean water
 - for sanitation facilities
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- *And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. (Genesis 3:21)*
- *Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing. (Psalm 34:10)*
- *The eyes of all look to You in hope; You give them their food as they need it. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15-16)*
- *That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? (Matthew 6:25)*
- *So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need. (Matthew 6:31-33)*
- *And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. (2 Corinthians 9:8)*
- *After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. (1 Timothy 6:7-8)*

DAY 2. MATERIAL MATTERS: Comforts

Give thanks to God for the provision of life's comforts:

- for those furnishings that make a home comfortable
 - for heating
 - for bedding
 - for facilities to store and cook food
 - for transport
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- *Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). (Genesis 22:13-14a)*
- *"The Lord will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. (Deuteronomy 28:10)*
- *She said to her husband, "I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God. Let's build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by." (2 Kings 4:9-10)*
- *The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. (Psalm 84:11a)*
- *And the Lord God arranged for a leafy plant to grow there, and soon it spread its broad leaves over Jonah's head, shading him from the sun. This eased his discomfort, and Jonah was very grateful for the plant. (Jonah 4:6)*
- *"As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." (Mark 14:13-15)*
- *By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvellous glory and excellence. (2 Peter 1:3)*