

## Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving week is upon us and dear friends you and your families are in my prayers. We are living through very challenging times and as we face this holiday it comes with anxious concerns for our families, friends, our nation and our world. As worries mount up they can weigh heavily on us making it difficult to be thankful. So I offer the words of the apostle Paul for encouragement and peace.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

In the peace of Christ,

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