Thanksgiving 1993
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"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" I Cor 15:57. "In the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God" Neh. 12:47. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving" Psalm 147:7.

Thanksgiving is not just an American holiday. It is a tradition going back far into the ancient history of the people of God. In America, the first formal Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1623 at Plymouth colony. Initially the Pilgrims had attempted to develop a communal society. They soon discovered that this arrangement was unsuccessful and not blessed by God. The decision was made to divide the property into separate holdings where each family could own and develop its own land. This was immediately blessed by God with a great harvest resulting with many blessings. Governor Bradford thus proclaimed the first American Thanksgiving.

Igor Shafarevich in his book "The Socialist Phenomenon" details the failure of Socialism from ancient Greece to present day Marxism. As we approach Thanksgiving this year and reflect on the problems of our nation and the world, it must be obvious that every nation in the world, including our country, is suffering from the adverse effects of socialistic endeavors. God has not and does not bless socialism.

In America some freedoms remain. Our freedom is the freedom of expression of belief in Jesus Christ, although this freedom has been abridged in our schools, universities and in many of our hospitals.

However, there is still much to be thankful about. At Thanksgiving we must be vigilant to resolve to not allow any further abridgement of our national personal freedom. An example of this is the Clinton health package which will make it impossible for the freedom of choice of ones physician. Each person who is ill will have to go to a "gate-keeper" family doctor. If your Christian surgeon or internist is not on his panel or in his group you will not be able to go to him for surgery or cardiac care. This is already the case with the HMO system. There are many danger signals in the Clinton plan including national funding of abortions with euthanasia a natural consequence.

At Christian Medical Foundation, we promise to be vigilant and prayerful as we thank God for our many blessings. We thank you for your prayers and financial assistance. We thank the physicians, nurses, clergy and laity for their dues payments and contributions. Until 1990, CMF entered each new year with all expenses paid. Since 1990, we have fallen behind month by month until our indebtedness is large. However, we have continued to hold meetings all over America and Canada as well as overseas, praying for the sick, the hopeless and the dying. We have organized physician assistance in foreign missions, done surgery in Guatemala and the Bahamas and proclaimed Christ wherever we have gone without compromise.

All CMF doctors and nurses have done likewise. We have held weekly meetings in Tampa, held weekly healing services and cared for the sick without compensation in many instances. We have counselled and prayed for all kinds of needs for people of all denominations. We have helped Vietnam veterans, cancer sufferers, Aids patients, children of divorced parents and sufferers with grief and hopelessness. We also have witnessed for Christ on radio and television.

None of this could have happened without your help. This work which virtually stands alone proclaiming Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit in Medicine and in the Church, will not fail. So as we thank God for His blessings this year, let us remember that if God has blessed you through this unique ministry, He may be calling upon you to assist the Foundation at this critical time. May God bless you as you reflect upon these words, knowing that your sowing of your financial help upon the good soil, ministries which add love to the whole word of God, He will bless you "30-60 and 100 fold". Have a blessed Thanksgiving, a Holy Spirit empowered Advent and an abundant harvest of God’s wondrous blessings in your life and in your home.
Dear Friends
of the Littlest Angel,

Christmastide 1993 has come. The loveliest time of the year with its nostalgia, expectations and "peculiar peace." This Peace of course is Jesus and must come from within us. No other time in our history is Jesus needed in the world and in our inner life more than today, for He is indeed our Peace in the midst of a dark world.

J Jer. 29:13 states "Then you will seek me, inquire for and require me as a vital necessity and find me when you search for me with all your heart" (Amplified Bible) "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world, I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you." (John 16:33 Amplified Bible).

My nephew Bob Watson has come to live in Tampa with his wife Carol, an R.N., and is helping me at the Littlest Angel. Bob is extremely talented in design and a wonderful addition to the staff. Together we are ready to help you select those individual gifts for your family needs.

Claire Burke Potpourri has 2 new scents "Wild Berry" and "Old World Christmas." Fitz & Floyd are packaging these items and they are very unusual. For the chilly morning, there is nothing like a Goodwin Weaver throw to wrap up in. Beautiful triple woven patterns; Williamsburg, Old World Tapestries, Guardian Angel throws as well as many others, a gift appreciated by all members of your family. Our Book Nook is brimming over with good books for the entire family. Our stained glass angels are beautiful this year. Choose from Wimberley, Glass House, Sun Ray as well as Roman Fontanini from Italy and many other angels of all descriptions.

When we created the shop in 1980, angels could not be found for resale. Today they are flooding the market and have become a part of the world system. For this reason at my Tuesday Auxiliary class I am teaching a series on "Angels" in light of the Bible. Are they real? Where did they come from? What is their purpose? Their history? Their ministry? Who where they created for? They have generated great interest and the tapes are available if you are interested.

If we can help you with any of your Christmas list, call or write us. We will be happy to select, wrap and send on its way that special gift for that special, special one.

We wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving and Advent.

Love,
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