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Happy Thanksgiving...be grateful

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Something Personal—Amid the hustle and bustle of life, I sometimes forget to stop and think about all the wonderful blessings I have. I think that is why I really like this time of year. It's not about the presents and the food (although I wouldn't want to do without either) but it's about the telephone not ringing, the emails not coming (except for spam, of course, which knows no boundaries), and the snail mail staying at the Post Office (or somewhere that it last got lost) that provides enough time for me to think and thank. It's a peaceful time, unfettered by schedules.



I am first and foremost grateful to a loving God Who has blessed us so richly in this land of plenty. We are so blessed in this country with so many freedoms, so much abundance, and so much opportunity that it is easy to take it for granted. Scurrying from place to place trying to keep up with our impossible schedules keeps us busy enough to not think about the fact that we would not have so much to do if it weren't for men and women who have dedicated their lives, and sometimes given them, to defend our freedoms. And one of the first things I think about is thanking them for their service.

And then there's the family. When blessed with an immediate and extended family that love each other and love the Lord, it just doesn't get any better than that! Mutual respect and understanding makes me grateful that I was given a family

of incredible people who are special and treat me as though I am. I know it's unusual but there just isn't a bad apple in the bunch—that's pretty incredible these days!

The dedicated NORMI team and the organization of terrific professionals who seem to, more often than not, give us the benefit of the doubt when snafus seem to reign supreme. I'm thankful that I can work along side such a terrific group of people who care about what they do and the people they serve...Lance, Denise, Stacy, Jonathan, Amy, Arnold, Della, Dave, Fran and more...

I hope that in this time of relaxation, you, too, have a seemingly endless list of names of people for whom you are thankful. Tell them that! Take the time to say "Thank You" because the phrase doesn't seem to get used as often as it should and can never be said too much.

Thank you for your support and your help in making NORMI special! And here's hoping and praying that you, too, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a chance to think...D



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