

## Thanking God

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

My life has taken many twists and turns over the years. Being raised and educated in the Catholic faith I have always believed in God and the Trinity. But did I believe, or did I believe because I was told to believe? I said prayers daily, but did I understand what I was saying?

As I grew older my life centered on my job and family. I neglected my spiritual life and God.

As time went on, I felt a pull, a whisper to return to church. An encounter I had while living in Hong Kong helped me with that decision.

Fast forward to today. Bible Studies and prayer have helped me to believe that what I believe is real.

So, I thank God for what He has done in my life with this *Prayer*:

My journey has been long and sometimes hard.

Thank you, God, for being with me every step of the way.

And for always holding out your hand even when I had turned away.

Thank you for helping me to understand you are with me always.

May I continue to listen, learn, and live out your plan for me.

There is not a cell in my body, or any particle of nature not created by You.

May I continue to see Your hand in everything, everywhere and every day.

Amen

~ Submitted by Barb Kline for the Second Reading of Lent.