



"The Director's Pen"

This is the month when the USA celebrates Thanksgiving. This can also be a wonderful time of communion with the Creator. I am learning this and appropriating it for use in my daily devotion time. Often, we become busy and simply lay out our needs of the moment to Him. How often does God look at us with sorrow as we miss another opportunity to thank Him for His goodness to us?

As often happens, I am reminded of an old hymn of the faith. I took some of the thoughts from a book I love, "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan. The hymn I was reminded of today shows the goodness of the Lord towards us day by day. It was written in 1864 as a poem. The author is Folliot Samuel Pierpoint and he wrote it as a celebration of a gorgeous spring day when the grass was an ocean of green, the sky like a blue dome of heaven, and the Avon River carved a path through it all as it flowed on its way to the sea. Soon Pierpoint's thoughts jumped the Atlantic, and the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" became associated with the American Thanksgiving holiday.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" is one of only a few songs devoted purely to giving thanks. One of the strange things about our giving praise where praise is due, is that we tend to do it in the reverse proportion to the number of blessings received. This is a wonderful hymn, read it for yourself.

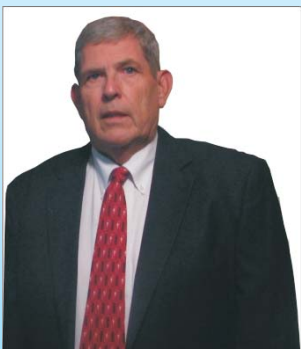
From the Sanctuary Outpost family we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Include God in your celebration this year!

Blessings,
Chaplain Dennis

For the Beauty of the Earth

- Folliot Samuel Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies; For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight; For the mystic harmony, Linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For Thy church that evermore, Lifteth holy hands above; Offering up on ev'ry shore, Her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For Thy virgins' robes of snow, For Thy maiden mother mild, For Thyself, with hearts aglow, Jesu, Victim undefiled. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night; Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on Earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For the martyrs' crown of light, For Thy prophets' eagle eye, For Thy bold confessors' might, For the lips of infancy. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise.	For Thyself, best Gift Divine, To the world so freely given, For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise Amen.



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