



November 23, 2016

Dear Friend in Christ,

On Thursday, families all across our Archdiocese and throughout our Nation will come together to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. It is a day when family members come together from places near and far to gather together around the dinner table to enjoy each other's company and to draw nearer to each other.

Before setting off to dinner or to enjoy a football game, I invite you to place yourself in the presence of God by attending Mass at your local parish, serving a warm meal to someone less fortunate, or simply spending a quiet moment in prayer. Let us remember those in need, the elderly, the lonely, and those separated from their loved ones and ask God to draw them closer to Him.

On this national holiday, let us also remember all who have gone before us who have sacrificed and given of themselves to make this country a beacon of freedom, hope and opportunity.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to offer to each of you my thanks for your witness of faith and for your service to our Church. It is my privilege to serve as your Archbishop and to lead this great Archdiocese of Baltimore.

May you and your loved ones have a safe, blessed, and happy Thanksgiving!

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ William E. Lori".

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Archbishop of Baltimore

