

## Giving Thanks: Thanking God Forever

### Scripture Reading — Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

Psalm 136:1

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I remember hearing this psalm as a child, and it seemed to go on forever. As I grew older, though, I realized the writer of Psalm 136 wished to show readers repeatedly that God's love endures forever.

Read and re-read this psalm as a truly attentive child of God who is daily growing to know God better. Practice lectio divina (see Feb. 10) by carefully reading aloud the first part of every verse, reflecting on every phrase. The verses of Psalm 136 recall concrete examples from history in which the Lord showed his enduring love.

If you wish, look up the full report of each of those examples in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, and Judges. Then try to identify personally with as many of the instances of the Lord's enduring love that the verses suggest to you.

Can you identify any of the Lord's great wonders that awed you? That comforted you?

Can you name a time in your life when the Lord led you through the desert?

As you mull over each verse and each example of God's love, repeat the psalm's refrain again and again. What do you think is the most fitting response to God for his enduring love in all its instances?

How can you, your family, and your community thank God for his enduring love?

### Prayer

*Eternal God, I offer my heart thankfully for your enduring love in my life. Forgive my faulty memory. Bless me with better memories of your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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