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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our country sets this day aside to ***Give God Thanks for the blessings we have been given.*** I realize that there is nothing normal about this holiday, since the pandemic has prevented us from celebrating the day with our normal tradition of being with family and friends. Wherever or whomever you spend this day, take a moment to acknowledge the gifts God has given you. In a unique way, these awkward and challenging times have reminded all of us 'what' and 'who' is of most importance to each and every one of us. Be assured of my prayers for you, your family and those you love on this Thanksgiving Day. Let us continue to be vigilant and do all we can to take care of each other. Hopefully, we can begin to flatten the curve of the pandemic and slowly move out of the shadow of this virus and move into a new normalcy. ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

In Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia  
Bishop of Monterey