Light That Shines In The Darkness

A Thanksgiving Devotional



We've been reflecting on the light that shines in the darkness (John 1:4-5). Today, as we gather with the people we love, we remember where that light comes from, and every good thing with it.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)

Every moment of laughter, every sunrise, every bite of fresh fruit, every hug. Each one comes from the generous heart of God.

You've seen it in Martilène's story. God's light reached her slowly, through Natalie, the caregiver who kept showing up and taught her how to pray. Now Martilène carries that light too. Through your prayers and generosity, you're part of how it reaches children like her.

So today, let's thank God for His gifts. Then let them lead us back to the Giver, who is infinitely better than every good thing He has made.

REFLECT

- Who carried God's light to you, the way Natalie did for Martilène? Thank God for them by name.
- Look around your table today. Which good gifts have you started to take for granted?
- Where might God be inviting you to pass His light on to someone who needs it?

PRAY

This week, before bed, take a quiet moment with God, just as Martilène does each night, and ask Him:

- Where did I see Your light this year?
- What dark places can I trust You to shine into tomorrow?

Father, thank you for every good and perfect gift, and most of all, for Yourself. Shine into the places that still feel dark, and make me someone who carries your light to others. In Jesus' name, amen.