

Goodness, Gracious, the President Said What?

In the time-honored Presidential thanksgiving proclamation, President Barack Obama called on Americans to give thanks to our “gracious God.”

Despite the turbulent season the nation is facing, he encouraged Americans to look to the numerous blessings seen in the last year.

“As we stand at the close of one year and look to the promise of the next, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for our many blessings, for one another, and for our Nation,” he said this week.

The President also urged Americans to show gratitude to their loved ones as well as members of the armed forces and their families, who have made great sacrifices for the country.

In addition, he mentioned that Americans should remember the less fortunate this holiday season.

“This harvest season, we are also reminded of those experiencing the pangs of hunger or the hardship of economic insecurity,” he said. “Let us return the kindness and generosity we have seen throughout the year by helping our fellow citizens weather the storms of our day.

“I encourage all the people of the United States to come together – whether in our homes, places of worship, community centers, or any place of fellowship for friends and neighbors – to give thanks for all we have received in the past year.”