

World Thanksgiving Day

World Thanksgiving Day aims at fostering the spirit of gratitude for life and the human experience. It is a day to build bridges across communities and honors local diversity. It is a way to appreciate and celebrate the cornerstone of all religions - gratitude and recognition of a higher force which inspires and guides life. This initiative continues the world's historical healing experience of shared harvest thanksgivings and gratitude observances highlighted during International Year of Thanksgiving 2000.



"The activities to be carried out on the International Year of Thanksgiving will be an inspiration for peace, healing and understanding."
- Kofi Annan, Secretary General



"For all that has been -- thanks.
For all that will be YES."
- Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General



Leaders in five world religions, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian and Muslim represent the human family in presenting the declaration of World Thanksgiving to the Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar.

"Since we bring nothing in and take nothing out suddenly we see life as a gift, rare and precious." - Declaration of World Thanksgiving 1993



Official United Nations Stamp for year 2000 - dedicated as the International Year of Thanksgiving. The image is of the ceiling of the Chapel of Thanksgiving representing the "spiral of life" located at the Centre for World Thanksgiving in Dallas, TX.

"The thanksgiving in our hearts will change the world."
- Declaration of World Thanksgiving 2000

"The Golden Rule" by Norman Rockwell - Gift from United States of America in 1985 for the 40th Anniversary of the UN (Made possible by many citizens through the Thanksgiving Square Foundation)

