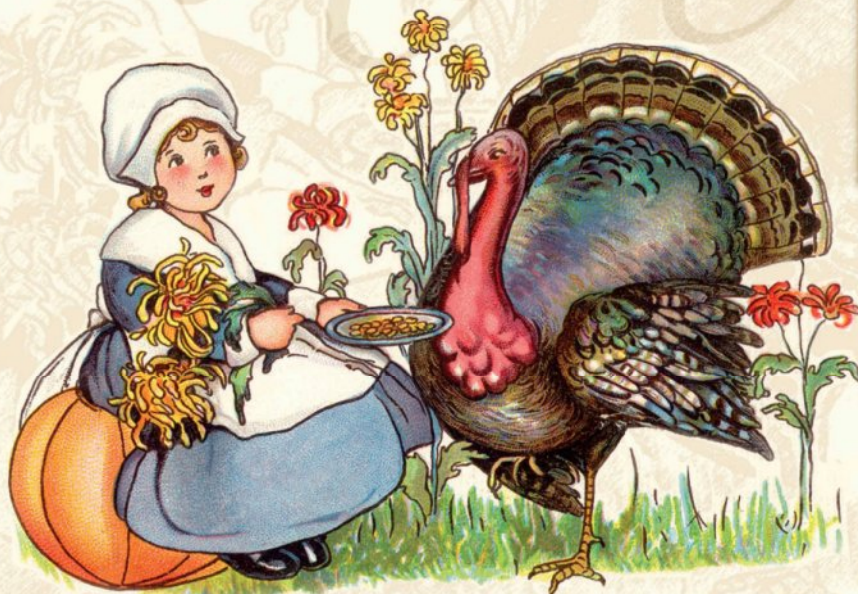


The FIRST THANKSGIVING

The first Thanksgiving in North America is believed to have been held in Virginia in 1619 or 1621. Some experts think the first Thanksgiving dinner was served by the Pilgrims in 1621. Others credit the settlers of Virginia's Jamestown with celebrating the first Thanksgiving as their version of England's ancient Harvest Home Festival.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863, supposedly as a response to a campaign organized by magazine editor Sara Joseph Hale. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day forward one week, as it is presently celebrated.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation (NTF) has presented the President of the United States with a live turkey and two dressed turkeys in celebration of Thanksgiving. The annual presentation of the National Thanksgiving Turkey to the President has become a traditional holiday ritual in the nation's capital, signaling the unofficial beginning of the holiday season and providing the President an opportunity to reflect



We give thanks for unknown blessings
already on their way.

RITUAL CHANT

...

What we're really talking about is a wonderful
day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November
when no one diets. I mean, why else would
they call it Thanksgiving?

ERMA BOMBECK

...

Who does not thank for little will
not thank for much.

ESTONIAN PROVERB

...

Got no check books, got no banks. Still I'd like
to express my thanks - I got the sun in the mornin'
and the moon at night.

IRVING BERLIN

...

Do not get tired of doing what is good.
Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap
a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.

GALATIANS 6:9

...

The pilgrims made seven times more graves than
huts ... nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

H. W. WESTERMAYER

...

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge
our dependence.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

...

We will speed the day when all of God's children,
black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles,
Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands
and sing ...Free at last, Free at last, Thank God
Almighty, I'm free at last.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Thanking you for your Business
and your Friendship...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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