

## **For That, I am Thankful...**

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It doesn't seem to get any better, but it doesn't get any worse either.

***For that, I am thankful.***

There are no more pictures to be taken, but there are memories to be cherished.

***For that, I am thankful.***

There is a missing chair at the table, but the circle of family gathers close.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The turkey is smaller, but there is still stuffing.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The days are shorter, but the nights are softer.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The pain is still there, but it lasts only moments.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The calendar still turns, the holidays still appear and they still cost too much. And I am still here.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The room is still empty, the soul still aches, but the heart remembers.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The guests still come, the dishes pile up, but the dishwasher works.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The name is still missing, the words still unspoken, but the silence is shared.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The snow still falls, the sled still waits and the spirit still wants to.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The stillness remains, but the sadness is smaller.

***For that, I am thankful.***

The moment is gone, but the love is forever.

***For that, I am blessed.***

***For that, I am grateful...***

Love was once (and still is) a part of my being...

***For that, I am living.***



