## Monday - April 4

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

Dear God.

Good morning! Thank you for another day that I can begin fresh and new. Yesterday didn't go so well as you know. Yes, I woke up late and was rushing to get out the door to the doctor. I forgot our morning talk till I was in the waiting room...waiting. Did you know that is a great place to talk to you? By the way, thank you for giving me arthritis in every joint. Each morning I am reminded of the tin man when Dorothy has to oil each joint before he can move!

Yesterday, I forgot to thank you, Lord, for my daughter who so lovingly "folded" my stiff joints into the car and drove me without a single complaint. What did I do to deserve such a wonderful daughter?

Today, I look forward to my online bible study group, not only for the education but also for the fellowship and sharing I find myself in need of these days. Thank you, Lord for surrounding me with such loving and insightful brothers and sisters. God, giving thanks and rejoicing daily is sometimes hard for me and sometimes I forget. But I will strive to work on this.

Time to close for now, Lord. But please send someone my way to bless and lift up. Thanks again for listening!

Your servant,

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**Prayer:** Holy and Gracious God, open our eyes to see the gifts You give us daily. Open our ears to hear the cries of those in need. Give us the courage to meet those needs. We rejoice and give thanks for the dear gift of Your Son whose example we strive to emulate. Amen.