



Open Heaven 18 June 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 18 June 2026 devotional for today is ALWAYS THANK GOD.

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OPEN HEAVEN 18 JUNE 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: ALWAYS THANK GOD

MEMORISE:

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:
Psalm 92:1

READ: Matthew 15:30-38

³⁰ And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus's feet; and he healed them:

³¹ Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

³² Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

³³ And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

³⁴ And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

³⁵ And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

³⁶ And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

³⁷ And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

³⁸ And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 18 JUNE 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Years ago, a very wealthy man came to see me and said that he was having trouble sleeping. He also said he was told that if I prayed for him, the problem would be solved. He added that he would give me 14 houses if I prayed for him, and the problem was solved. Of course, he didn't need to offer me his houses for me to pray for him, but his desperation to be able to sleep made him say so.

Being able to sleep is one of the many divine blessings that are often taken for granted until one can no longer sleep or sees people who can't.

Beloved, you have a lot to thank God for, and living a life of thanksgiving makes you quick to recognise God's goodness in your life. Even amid challenges, when you are thankful, you will find many reasons to praise God. You will be quick to acknowledge that God is the reason things are not worse. You will also be confident that God is working things out in your favour (Romans 8:28).

When people thank God, He opens the windows of heaven to pour out His blessings upon them. In today's Bible reading, there were 4,000 hungry men, besides women and children, with Jesus and His disciples.

Jesus had compassion on them and wanted to feed them; so, He asked His disciples to tell Him how much food they had. They replied that they had only seven loaves of bread and a few fishes.

Despite the obvious inadequacy of the food to feed thousands of people, Jesus gave thanks, broke the bread, and handed them to His disciples to share among the multitude. His first response to the scarcity of resources was to give thanks. Jesus's heart of gratitude opened the windows of heaven for multiplication, and suddenly, the food that was too little to feed the multitude multiplied so much that everyone was filled, and they were left with seven baskets of leftovers.

Beloved, are you facing any difficult situation? Are you in dire need of resources, help, or a change in the circumstances surrounding your life? Do not despair or complain; rather, give God thanks.

Despair or complaints will not multiply the little you have; however, thanksgiving will give you access to the miraculous. I pray that the Lord will open your eyes to see His grace at work in every facet of your life and help you to cultivate a heart of genuine gratitude, in Jesus's name.

KEY POINT:

Giving thanks to God releases the miraculous

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 73-77

Open Heavens HYMN 17: PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 18 JUNE 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Psalm 92:1

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.

This verse establishes thanksgiving as not merely an obligation but a *good thing*. Daddy Adeboye anchors today's devotional on this text because it reminds believers that gratitude is inherently beneficial—both to God and to the one giving thanks. The Hebrew word for “good” (*tov*) means pleasant, agreeable, beneficial, and morally excellent. Thanksgiving is not a burden to be endured; it is a privilege to be embraced. When you thank God, you are not doing Him a favor—you are positioning yourself for His favor.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 15:30-38

This passage records the feeding of the four thousand. Great multitudes came to Jesus, bringing the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others. They cast them at Jesus' feet, and He healed them all. After three days, Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they had nothing to eat. He asked His disciples how much food they had. They replied: seven loaves and a few small fish. Jesus commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. Then He *gave thanks*, broke the loaves and fish, and gave them to the disciples, who distributed them to the crowd. Everyone ate and was filled, and seven baskets of leftovers remained. Daddy Adeboye highlights a critical detail: before the multiplication, before the miracle, Jesus gave thanks. Thanksgiving was the trigger for supernatural provision.

The Blessing of Sleep: A Testimony of Thanksgiving

1. The Wealthy Man Who Could Not Sleep

Daddy Adeboye shares a revealing testimony:

“Years ago, a very wealthy man came to see me and said that he was having trouble sleeping. He also said he was told that if I prayed for him, the problem would be solved. He added that he would give me 14 houses if I prayed for him, and the problem was solved.”

Consider the man’s condition:

The Man’s Wealth	His Problem
Wealthy enough to offer 14 houses	Could not sleep
Had resources to buy almost anything	Could not buy rest
Surrounded by possessions	Lacked the simplest blessing

“Of course, he didn’t need to offer me his houses for me to pray for him, but his desperation to be able to sleep made him say so.”

“Being able to sleep is one of the many divine blessings that are often taken for granted until one can no longer sleep or sees people who can’t.”

This testimony exposes the tragedy of ingratitude. The wealthy man had houses, money, and possessions—but he had forgotten to thank God for the simple gift of sleep. And when sleep was withdrawn, all his wealth could not buy it back.

Blessings We Take for Granted	What Happens When We Lose Them
Sleep	Restlessness, exhaustion, mental health decline
Breath	Panic, suffocation, awareness of mortality
Health	Sudden appreciation for every working organ
Food	Hunger that makes the simplest meal a feast
Sight, hearing, mobility	The world becomes dark, silent, or inaccessible

“Beloved, you have a lot to thank God for!”

The Power of a Thankful Heart

1. Thanksgiving Opens Your Eyes to God’s Goodness

“Living a life of thanksgiving makes you quick to recognise God’s goodness in your life.”

Without Thanksgiving	With Thanksgiving
You focus on what you lack	You notice what you have
You complain about problems	You recognize how much worse things could be

Without Thanksgiving

You miss daily blessings

You become bitter and entitled

With Thanksgiving

You see God's hand in small things

You become joyful and grateful

Even amid challenges, when you are thankful, you will find many reasons to praise God. You will be quick to acknowledge that God is the reason things are not worse.

This is a profound perspective shift. Even in difficulty, thanksgiving says: *Lord, it could be worse, but You have held it back. Thank You.* Even in failure, thanksgiving says: *Lord, I could have been destroyed, but You preserved me. Thank You.*

2. Thanksgiving Releases Confidence in God's Plan

You will also be confident that God is working things out in your favour (Romans 8:28).

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Thanksgiving is not denial of problems. It is faith that God is weaving even the problems into a pattern for your good. When you thank God *before* you see the solution, you are declaring: *I trust You. I believe You are working. I am grateful in advance.*

3. Thanksgiving Opens Heaven's Windows

When people thank God, He opens the windows of heaven to pour out His blessings upon them.

This is not a mechanical formula—thanksgiving in, blessings out. It is a relational reality. Thanksgiving shifts your posture from entitlement to humility, from complaint to faith, from lack-awareness to abundance-awareness. And God responds to that posture.

Jesus' Example: Thanksgiving Before Multiplication

1. The Situation (Matthew 15:30-38)

Daddy Adeboye sets the scene:

There were 4,000 hungry men, besides women and children, with Jesus and His disciples.

The Resources

The Need

Seven loaves of bread	Thousands of hungry people
A few small fish	Three days without food
Humanly impossible	Divine opportunity

Jesus could have complained: *“Father, these people should have planned better.”*• He could have despaired: *“There is no way this little food can feed this crowd.”*• He could have sent them away: *“Go find your own food.”*•

He did none of these.

2. The Response: Thanksgiving

“Despite the obvious inadequacy of the food to feed thousands of people, Jesus gave thanks, broke the bread, and handed them to His disciples to share among the multitude. His first response to the scarcity of resources was to give thanks.”•

Human Reaction	Jesus’s Reaction
Focus on the inadequacy	Gave thanks for what was present
Complain about the shortage	Thanked God for the little
Calculate the impossibility	Trusted the Father for multiplication
Panic or despair	Peaceful gratitude

“Jesus’s heart of gratitude opened the windows of heaven for multiplication.”•

Before Thanksgiving	After Thanksgiving
Seven loaves, a few fish	Thousands fed until full
Not enough for a fraction of the crowd	Seven baskets of leftovers (more than they started with)
Scarcity	Abundance
Limitation	Multiplication

3. The Result: Supernatural Abundance

“Suddenly, the food that was too little to feed the multitude multiplied so much that everyone was filled, and they were left with seven baskets of leftovers.”•

The pattern is undeniable:

Step	Action	Outcome
1	Acknowledge the need	Compassion
2	Assess the resources	Seven loaves, a few fish

Step	Action	Outcome
3	Give thanks	Heaven opens
4	Break and distribute	Multiplication
5	Eat and be filled	Everyone satisfied
6	Gather leftovers	Abundance beyond the original

Thanksgiving was not an afterthought. It was the turning point.

How to Cultivate a Heart of Genuine Gratitude

Based on Daddy Adeboye's teaching and Jesus' example, here is how to develop a thankful heart:

1. Start with What You Have, Not What You Lack

Instead of Complaining!	Give Thanks!
â??I don't have enough moneyâ?•	â??Thank You for the money I do haveâ?•
â??My health is not perfectâ?•	â??Thank You that I am alive and functionalâ?•
â??My family has problemsâ?•	â??Thank You that I have familyâ?•
â??My job is stressfulâ?•	â??Thank You that I have a jobâ?•

Jesus gave thanks for seven loavesâ??inadequate for the need but present. He did not apologize for the shortage. He thanked the Father for the supply.

2. Give Thanks Before the Miracle

â??Do not despair or complain; rather, give God thanks.â?•

Thanksgiving is not a response to the miracle; it is the key that unlocks the miracle.

Timing	Result
Complain before the miracle	No miracle, or delayed miracle
Despair before the miracle	Paralysis, no forward movement
Give thanks before the miracle	Heaven opens, multiplication follows

3. Give Thanks Even Amid Challenges

â??Even amid challenges, when you are thankful, you will find many reasons to praise God.â?•

Make a list of things to thank God for even in hard times:

Category	Things to Thank God For
Preservation	â??I am alive. Things are not worse.â?•
Past faithfulness	â??God has brought me through before.â?•
Promises	â??God has promised to work this for good.â?•
Presence	â??God is with me in this fire.â?•
Small mercies	â??I still have breath, food, shelter, a friendâ? â?•

4. Make Thanksgiving a Daily Habit

Psalm 92:1 says it is *good* to give thanksâ??not just occasionally, but regularly.

Practice	How to Do It
Morning thanksgiving	Before you check your phone, thank God for sleep, breath, and a new day
Meal thanksgiving	Thank God for food before you eatâ??recognize it as a blessing
Evening thanksgiving	Review the day and name three things you are grateful for
Crisis thanksgiving	Before you complain or panic, stop and thank God for what is still good

Warning: Complaining Closes Heaven; Thanksgiving Opens It

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an implicit warning:

Instead ofâ?!	Do This
Despair	Give thanks
Complaints	Give thanks
Focusing on inadequacy	Give thanks for what is present
Worrying about the future	Give thanks for past faithfulness

â??Despair or complaints will not multiply the little you have; however, thanksgiving will give you access to the miraculous.â?•

The Israelites in the wilderness complained constantly. Their clothes did not wear out, and manna fell dailyâ??yet they complained. Their complaints closed their access to the Promised Land. Thanksgiving opens access. Complaining closes it.

The Blessings of a Thankful Life

Based on Scripture and Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching, here is what thanksgiving produces:

Blessing	Scriptural Basis
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Multiplication of little	Feeding of the 4,000 (Matthew 15:36-38)
Peace that guards the heart	By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving! the peace of God (Philippians 4:6-7)
Nearness to God	Enter into his gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4)
Victory over enemies	Jehoshaphat appointed singers to thank God, and the enemy was defeated (2 Chronicles 20:21-22)
Open heavens	Open the windows of heaven (Malachi 3:10, connected to giving including thanks)

Conclusion: Your Prayer for a Grateful Heart

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that the Lord will open your eyes to see His grace and help you cultivate genuine gratitude. Do not wait for perfect circumstances. Give thanks now.

Pray this:

Father, I thank You. Forgive me for the countless blessings I have taken for granted—sleep, breath, health, food, family, salvation. Forgive me for complaining when I should have been thanking. Today, I choose gratitude. Even in the midst of my challenges, I find reasons to praise You. I thank You that things are not worse. I thank You that You are working all things for my good. I thank You in advance for the miracle that is coming. Like Jesus, I give thanks before the multiplication. Open the windows of heaven over my life. Turn my little into abundance. Turn my lack into surplus. Turn my despair into praise. Cultivate in me a heart of genuine gratitude, in Jesus' mighty name.

Action Steps:

- The Sleep Testimony Reminder:** Tonight, before you close your eyes to sleep, thank God for the ability to rest. If you sleep and wake, thank Him again. Never take sleep for granted again.
- The Thanksgiving Before the Miracle Practice:** Identify one area of lack or struggle in your life. Every day for the next seven days, thank God specifically for that situation—not for the pain, but for what God is doing, for His presence with you, and for the miracle you believe is coming.
- The Daily Gratitude Journal:** Every evening, write down three specific things you thanked God for that day. At the end of the week, review the list. You will be amazed at how much you have to be grateful for.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. (Psalm 92:1)

Complaining multiplies nothing. Thanksgiving unlocks everything. Give thanks before the miracle. Give thanks amid the struggle. Give thanks always. Heaven is listening.

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