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### **Why I am Thankful**

I am very grateful for Thanksgiving. It's not easy these days, where I live there are forty thousand homeless people. Imagine you were one of them? Homeless people have to learn to survive without the most important things in life such as food, water and shelter. I am grateful because I can get as much water as I want every day. Without even realizing, I can just open my refrigerator and eat. It's sad thinking about what you have and what they don't. I am also thankful for other things.

I am thankful that my sister and I are healthy. Everyday kids, even younger than me, are diagnosed with cancer and other diseases. I am able to get the right medications when I am sick. Unfortunately, not all people are able to get the medicine they need and sometimes they can die. Sometimes I sit on my bed and think about how sad it is for others who are less fortunate, and wonder why suffering happens. I'm so thankful that I don't have these problems and I am grateful to be healthy.

Instead of looking up and praising others who have better homes and more money, it is better to be thankful for what you have. Some people don't even have one percent of what we have and it is important to be grateful for everything.