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Gratitude has been an important part of my everyday life for many years. However, along with many others, my outlook on life has changed drastically over the past couple of years. As the country is gradually returning to normalcy and familiarity, I believe this is what I am most grateful for. While the pandemic has been a tough experience for nearly all people, I feel as if its damages on me have been slowly healing over the course of this year. The experience has taught me to place my gratitude in what I once took for granted -- things such as making memories with my family and spending meaningful time with my friends.