**Thankful**
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My name is Macaila Pierre. I have many things to be thankful for. Do you show gratitude? Do you know what it means to appreciate something? What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Do you ask yourself these questions? Well I do.

I am thankful every day of the year! However, Thanksgiving is a big reminder to be appreciative. I am very thankful for a loving and caring family. They respect me and show me love when I am sad or gloomy. I am also thankful for a home. I am thankful for a home because some people are homeless and they are living on the streets. So you should bless the Lord that you have a home to live in. I surely do.

I show gratitude to my family and friends. I show gratitude in many ways. I show gratitude by respecting my family and friends even though sometimes I don’t agree with them I still respect them. I respect them by being generous, kind, and helpful towards them.

I have great appreciation for my family. To appreciate something means to respect it and to take care of it. For example, I appreciate living in a home. I also appreciate my family. I appreciate my family because they provide me with what I need and what I want. I appreciate a home to live in because I get to live in a home with loving and caring people.

Like the Pilgrims and Native Americans, I celebrate Thanksgiving outwardly and inwardly. Yes I have a feast or dinner but, it is also a time for me to reflect on how lucky and fortunate I am to live in this great country and to have such a supportive family. Remember to count your blessings before you ever complain!

 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!