

# THANKS.....

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It doesn't seem to get any better....but it doesn't get any worse either.  
For that, I am thankful.

There are no more pictures to be taken....but there are memories to be cherished.  
For that, I am thankful.

There is a missing chair at the table....but the circle of family gathers close.  
For that, I am thankful.

The turkey is smaller....but there is still stuffing.  
For that, I am thankful.

The days are shorter....but the nights are softer.  
For that, I am thankful.

The pain is still there....but it lasts only moments.  
For that, I am thankful.

The calendar still turns, the holidays still appear, and they still cost too much, but I am still here....  
For that, I am thankful.

The room is still empty, the soul still aches.....but the heart remembers.  
For that, I am thankful.

The guests still come, the dishes pile up....but the dishwasher still works.  
For that, I am thankful.

The name is still missing, the words still unspoken.....but the silence is shared.  
For that, I am thankful.

The snow still falls, the sled still waits, and the spirit still wants to.....  
For that, I am thankful.

The stillness remains....but the sadness is smaller.  
For that, I am thankful.

The moment is gone...for the love is forever.  
For *that*, I am blessed. For *that*, I am grateful.

Love was once (and still is) a part of my being.....  
For that, I am living.

I am LIVING.....and for *that*, I am thankful.

May your holidays be filled with reasons to be thankful. Having loved and having been loved is perhaps the most wondrous reason of all.