

# REASON for GRATITUDE

*If Earth's population were shrunk into a village of one hundred people, with all human ratios existing in the world still remaining, what would this tiny, diverse village look like?*

*That's exactly what Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at the Stanford University school of Medicine, attempted to figure out. This is what he found:*

*Fifty-seven would be Asian; 21 would be European; 14 would be from the western hemisphere; 8 would be African; 52 would be female; 48 would be male; 70 would be non-white; 30 would be white; 70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian; 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the United States.*

*Eighty would live in sub-standard housing; 70 would be unable to read; 50 would suffer from malnutrition; 1 would be near death, 1 would be pregnant, 1 would have a college education; 1 would own computer.*

*Think of it this way. If you live in a good home, have plenty to eat, and can read, you are a member of a very select group.*

*If you have a good house, food, can read, and have a computer, you are among the very elite.*

*If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.*

*If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.*

*If you attend a church meeting without fear or harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are fortunate. More than 3 billion people in the world can't. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the people in this world.*

*If you have money in the bank and in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the world's wealthiest 8%.*

*If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.*

*If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed, because the majority can, but most do not.*

*If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.*

*If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.*

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.**