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Reflections by The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones –

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In this wonderful story from the life of Jesus, we see the connection between gratitude and faith. The Samaritan was so grateful that he prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and profoundly thanked him. It is that expression of gratitude, yes, profound gratitude that is at the heart of our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We give in response to the One who has given us life and the hope of Salvation.

It is an attitude of being "all in", one expressed by the Samaritan, which informs my participation in church life and

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Reflection Questions

- How do you connect your faith with gratitude?
- How have you expressed your thanks to Jesus during different events in your life?
- When have you experienced moments of being "all in" in your life of faith?
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personal giving. I am "all in" when I am fully present in worship, when I am committed to parish outreach or with my personal giving. I am "all in" when I am responding from a heart of gratitude – wanting to give and continue to give of myself, my time, talent and treasure.

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