

# *Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.*



Sorors, due to the Coronavirus, this has been a year of tremendous turmoil, sadness and chaos. The virus has robbed many of us, of loved ones, jobs and the freedom of movement. This Thanksgiving will be like no other that we have seen, because of the rapid spread of the virus, we are being asked to stay home and to not gather as a family. Many of us live alone and will not have the opportunity to gather with our children, parents and relatives without fear of spreading the virus to our love ones or contracting the virus ourselves. So, no matter what your plans are for this Thanksgiving, I pray for your safety and good health. Please remember to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands.

During this Thanksgiving season, we reflect back on this summer of unrest and marches protesting police brutality and the lack of accountability for their action in the killing of African American men and women. We remember Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and all the others, who lost their lives in these unjustified killings. We give thanks for our founder, Mrs. Lola Mercedes Parker and all the women who came before us, as they marched and worked to improve the lives of the women and children in our community, through education, improved health care, social justice and the right to vote.

We give thanks, for the history made this year with the election of Kamala Harris. We watched on Election Day, as one of the largest turnouts in history resulted in the election of the first woman of color to the office of Vice President Elect of the United States of America.

As we continue to plan for the future, we give thanks for our Iota journey and the opportunity to continue the dream of our founder, to impact the lives of women and children and to make a difference in our communities.

As always, Thanksgiving reminds us that even in the midst of turmoil and sadness we have been truly blessed and we give thanks for the many blessings that we have received. We pray for the souls lost and give thanks for a better tomorrow. As it states in 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Dorothy M. White*

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