On Thanksgiving Day, we gather with family and friends to thank the Creator for the many blessings given to us.

We ask for guidance and safety for our families, our communities, our Navajo Nation and for our country.

Let us pause and reflect on the bounty of blessings we all enjoy and be thankful for the time we spend with our family and friends.

I also ask that you remember our active-duty servicemen and woman as they are off defending freedom around the world, and sacrificing time away from their families. The Navajo Nation is grateful for the service they render to our country.

Let us also remember those who are less fortunate. They are our neighbors and our fellow citizens. Let us be committed to reaching out to them and helping them in their time of need.

On behalf of the Navajo Nation, I wish you all a happy and joyous Thanksgiving Day. Have a safe holiday weekend.