THANK YOU, by Joan Mish

How many people do I need to say thank you for the gifts I have been given.

My parents gave me a great education and gave me a year to study abroad .THANK YOU.

My family and I have friends across the world because of students we have hosted. In fact my daughter stayed with our Spanish son's family when she studied abroad in his home town. It was amazing that her college had their study abroad program in his same town: Salamanca. In fact he now teaches at Michigan State University not far from where I grew up! THANK YOU for all these international friends that I have known for years.

The people here in Windsor who take care of lawns and plant all our gardens. They do such a good job. THANK YOU.

Some of my children call me weekly. It's so good to connect with them. THANK YOU.

Wednesday night the Writers Group met outside Hap Hansen's condo. It was fun to get together. Thanks to those who came. THANK YOU.

For the free books that I can get on my Kindle from the library and other places. THANK YOU.

For the good neighbors I have in my building. THANK YOU.

For the spiritual growth I have received since I have been here in Denver. A friend from church introduced me Centering Prayer and a Center for Contemplative Living over on the other side of town. They teach quite a few classes in spirituality. My Centering Prayer group will be coming to Windsor Garden to share a lunch on Wednesday around lunch time. I told them I would bring some quiche from the nearby restaurant. THANK YOU for these friendships.

I have gotten to know my son's mother-in-law much better by playing Words With Friends on Facebook. She lives in Wisconsin and several years ago I was able to go see these folks over Christmas vacation. THANK YOU.

We all just need to look at the things for which we are grateful. THANK YOU for this topic.