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Remember...

A good friend sent this greeting to me one Thanksgiving. I don't know the origin of the message, but it was thought provoking and offered great perspective that many people including myself, at times forget. There are those individuals who have forgotten or who were never educated, that possess privilege that was built or acquired by the sacrifices and work of those before them (including famous, forgotten, and unknown heroes, community members, parents, grandparents, and others). Remember this before your or loved one's pity party gets going too long and hard. Slow down the sense of entitlement and remember...

Remember:

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, spare change in a dish someplace and a nice car/truck/motorcycle in the garage... you are among the top 8% of the world's most wealthy.

If you woke up this morning in good health, you are more Fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.

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

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking about you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind others how much we really have to be thankful for.