

Epicurean substitute for prayer

Post by “Mathitis Kipouros” of August 26, 2020 at 2:48 PM

Let me share that I am very glad that in this forum my nerdiness for looking up the etymology of words in order to understand things better is more likely to find resonance.

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

I would add that one can be grateful for without being grateful to. Religion teaches that a person should give thanks, but what is important is to feel thankful.

Aligned with your comment, let the nerdiness begin:

Adjective

grateful (comparative gratefuller or more grateful, superlative gratefullest or most grateful)

>>>Appreciative; *thankful*.

Adjective

thankful (comparative more thankful, superlative most thankful)

>>>Showing appreciation or gratitude.

Noun

thank (plural thanks)

>>>(obsolete) An expression of *appreciation; a thought*.

Etymology 1

From Middle English thank, from Old English þanc (“**thought, favour, grace, pleasure, satisfaction**, thanks”), from Proto-Germanic *þankaz (“**thought, remembrance, gratitude**”)...

No object is mentioned. Once again, it seems like the word may have been repurposed.