

As we count our blessings in this season of thanksgiving, may we keep in mind those who need our prayers. In class this week I taught students a song I composed to give thanks. Then I asked students what they were thankful for. The answers ranged from listing all their family members, the food they eat, their home, and for toys.

On social network, it was great reading what people were grateful for. The type of foods they listed, varied from the traditional to the special delicacies from their region of the state. We are blessed to be able to have food from the land.

This introduction was from Debbie Nayakik. I met her at the Alaska Federation of Natives. I tried collecting ways to introduce yourself in several different languages around Alaska.

#### Introduction in Inupiaq

Uuvana                      My  
Aatigga Debbie.        My name is Debbie.

Aakaga \_\_\_\_\_        My mom is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Aapaga \_\_\_\_\_        My dad is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Amau ga \_\_\_\_\_        My grandparent is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Amautga ka \_\_\_\_\_.        My grandparents are \_\_\_\_\_.

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