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Lauren Daigle to Sing National Anthem at Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Game

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Thanksgiving is a holiday very dear to me,"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Two-time Grammy winner Lauren Daigle will sing the national anthem before the Dallas Cowboys take on the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday 26 November 2026, it was announced on 19 November 2026. The Thanksgiving Day game kicks off at 3:30 p.M. CT at AT&T Stadium and airs live on FOX. Her performance will launch the Salvation Army's 136th Red Kettle Campaign, with Miranda Lambert headlining the halftime show for the 30th annual Red Kettle Kickoff.

Thanksgiving in Dallas means one thing above all else: the Cowboys play, the whole country watches, and somebody has to sing the anthem in front of a packed AT&T Stadium and millions more at home. This year that somebody is Lauren Daigle, a Louisiana girl who grew up on the holiday she is about to soundtrack. "Thanksgiving is a holiday very dear to me," she said - and then, in true Texas fashion, she added: "FOOTBALL, BABY!!!"

The game itself is a heavyweight meeting. Dallas hosts the Philadelphia Eagles in the traditional Thanksgiving Day slot, one of the most-watched regular-season games of the year. The anthem is the moment the stadium goes quiet before the noise begins, and Daigle's voice - warm, huge, and instantly recognisable - is built for exactly that silence. It is her first time singing the anthem at a Cowboys Thanksgiving game.

But the performance is about more than football. Daigle's anthem launches the Salvation Army's 136th Red Kettle Campaign, the annual Christmas appeal that puts red kettles and bell-ringers outside shops across America. For more than a century, the campaign has funded food, shelter, and emergency help for families in need. The Cowboys game is its traditional launchpad, and the anthem is the moment the campaign begins in earnest.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 2026: Miranda Lambert Halftime Show

The halftime show carries its own milestone. Country star Miranda Lambert will headline the 30th annual Red Kettle Kickoff halftime show, three decades after the tradition began. The pairing is deliberate: a gospel-rooted voice to open the day, and a country headliner to carry the celebration through halftime. Together they frame a game that doubles as one of the biggest charity moments of the American year.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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