Table Prayers

Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

O God of our risen Lord, we praise you, we bless you, we worship you for the gifts of life you give us.

Always you offer us life, and for this we bless your holy name.

And we ask you, give your life also to all who know only hunger and pangs of death.

So may the whole world be raised to life,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Additional Table Prayers

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be God, who is our bread; may all the world be clothed and fed.

Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed are you, O Lord God, ruler of the universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless, O Lord, your gifts to our use and us to your service; for Christ's sake.

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, O God. Bless this food, and help us to receive it with thankful hearts. By your Spirit nourish our love for one another and for our neighbor in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

May your gifts refresh us, O God, and your grace give us strength, now and forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

Especially for Families with Young Children

One of the family speaks this or another similar Bible passage. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it. (Ps. 24:1 NRSV)

Then all who are able speak this prayer together.

All here gathered, food from the land,

all is gift from your gracious hand.

Feed us today; feed all those who hunger;

teach us to feed one another.

We ask this in the name of the one who is our bread, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

or

One of the family speaks this or another similar Bible passage.

Rejoice in the Lord always. (Phil. 4:4)

Then this prayer is spoken. All may speak it together, or it may be said responsively between one and all as indicated.

For our food, we rejoice.

For our friends, we rejoice.

For every good gift, we rejoice.

Thank you, O God, for this time to eat together.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Blessing for Those Who Eat Alone

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord. (Ps. 85:1, ELW)

Gracious God, you are the source of all goodness.

For this food before me, thank you.

For the hands that prepared it, thank you.

For the lands and water that provide nourishment, thank you.

Extend my offering of thanks through works of justice, peace, and love for the earth and all its creatures.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.