

Thanksgiving Table Blessing

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When all have gathered at table, they make the sign of the cross.

Leader: God has filled us with every good thing.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Then the reader proclaims the Scripture:

Listen to the words of the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians:

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

After a time of silence, the leader prays:

Leader: Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land
and the diversity of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another and for our homes.

We thank you Lord for those things for which we now pray:

Those present may offer prayers of thanksgiving.

For all that we have spoken and for all that we keep in our hearts,
Accept our thanksgiving on this day.

Keep us mindful of those who lack the necessities of life

And make us generous in sharing all that we have.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:

Leader: May God bless the food and friendship that we share
and fill our hearts with gratitude and generous love.

All: Amen.

