

Handing on the Faith at Home:

TABLE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

When all have gathered at Table, the following prayer and song may be used. The prayer begins with the Sign of the Cross., and then the following greeting:

Leader: Give praise to God, who is rich in mercy
and who has favored us in wonderful ways.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.
All: ***BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.***

Then a reading from the Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7
A person to read the scripture is chosen before the meal begins.

Reader: ***Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul to the Church at Philippi:***

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,
but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God



Following the Scripture reading someone begins the prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you!
ALL: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

LORD, we thank you for the goodness of our people as we long for justice in our nation.
WE THANK YOU for the beauty and the fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.
WE THANK YOU for our work and rest, for one another, and for our homes.
(each person at table may wish to mention something for which they are thankful,
or a family member may prepare a special prayer of thanks to be said now.)

LET EACH OF US MENTION ALOUD OR SILENTLY IN OUR HEARTS
WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THIS DAY:
After each person speaks all say together: **WE THANK YOU, LORD:**

For all that we have spoken and for all that we keep in our hearts,
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

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ALL MAY THEN JOIN IN SINGING AN ALLELUIA, or a verse from HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME, or NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

At the end of the meal, as the final blessing, the hymn chosen above may be sung.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, OUR GOD. IT IS RIGHT AND JUST!

This prayer is also available on the parish website: blessedtrinitymissoula.org