

# THANKSGIVING TABLE LITURGY



Welcome to the table. Beautiful holy things can happen when family and friends gather around the table. May this short liturgy help you open up space for gratitude, prayer, and deep connection with God and each other.

*Leader:*

May the peace of Christ be with us as we gather in his name and give thanks.  
WBefore we begin our meal together, lets read some scripture and pray together.  
Join me by reading the bold text.

Psalm 67:4-6

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon the earth.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

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The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God;**

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James 1:17-18

**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.**

Let's pray for our world.

Father, we come together now on behalf of our broken, beautiful, hurting world. Shine your light into the heart of every person who is lonely and feels disconnected. Touch the sick with your healing hand and relieve their pain and suffering. We pray for the hungry, that you would provide food for their bodies and nourishment for their souls. For those who have no home in which to gather and give thanks, make your presence known. Show us how to bless our enemies and welcome the foreigner in our midst.

Let's take a moment of silence. {pause}

Let's pray this together now

**Lord, may your peace reign over all the earth.  
May all our thanks be to you alone. Amen.**

Sing: *Come Thou Fount*

*Prayer:* Father in heaven, we give you thanks for life and for all of the experiences that life brings us. We give you thanks for joy, hope, peace, and answered prayers, but we also give you thanks in our trials, sorrows, and pain.

**Praise be to you, Father of the heavenly lights, who gives and gives and gives.**

We give thanks for our land,  
for the beauty of the landscape,  
for the riches it provides for our living,  
for the people and cultures among us.

**Praise be to you, Father of the heavenly lights, who gives and gives and gives.**

Above all things, we give thanks for our hope in Christ, the life and freedom that will ultimately be ours.

Teach us to cherish all your gifts.

Teach us also to use all these resources

for the good of society and for glory to you.

**Praise be to you, Father of the heavenly lights,**



*Mealtime Discussion Questions:*

- ◆ What are three things you are most thankful for today? How have these things impacted you this year?
- ◆ How do you sense God calling you this year to share what he has given you with those who have less or are struggling?
- ◆ Invite each person around the table to share why they are thankful for one other person around the table.

*Closing Prayer (after the meal):*

May God the Creator fill you with gratitude for your creation.  
May God the Savior fill you with gratitude for your salvation.  
May God the Comforter fill you with gratitude for your new life.