

A Prayer – Before Your Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Possibly cut this sheet into 15 parts; then give one or more numbers to each person!

1. Let us pray: LORD God, heavenly Father, the maker of heaven and earth. We thank You for Your awesome creation which includes countless blessings, such as ✦light and darkness, ✦sun, moon, and stars, ✦birds and fish, and ✦animals and people.
2. LORD, You made a perfect world, but the first people were tempted and fell into sin, which has passed on, generation after generation, to us and to all. But You continued to love us and promised to send Your Son to destroy the works of the devil.
3. LORD, when the time was right, according to Your perfect plan, You sent Your Son into the world to ✦put on human flesh, ✦live as our sinless substitute, and ✦receive our sin and Your eternal punishment, and then Jesus laid down His life.
4. LORD, it looked like Jesus had been defeated on Good Friday, but, on the third day, You raised Him up so that we would know You accepted His perfect sacrifice to ✦take away our sins and ✦open heaven to all who trust in Him as their Savior.
5. Dear Jesus, thank You so much for leaving the glory of heaven to ✦become the Lamb of God, ✦defeat the forces of evil, and ✦open heaven to all believers.
6. Dear Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, thank You so much for ✦making us sorry for our sins, ✦giving us faith to trust in Jesus as our Savior, ✦keeping us trusting in Jesus as our Savior, ✦helping us to understand the Bible, and ✦guiding us to follow the Bible in our daily lives.
7. LORD, we thank You for establishing and sustaining the United States of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Wherever we are sinning as a nation, ✦show us, ✦make us sorry, ✦turn us from our sins, ✦help us to honor You, and ✦shed Your grace upon us again, from sea to shining sea.
8. LORD, bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.
9. LORD, support us in defending our liberties and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land.
10. LORD, when times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail.
11. LORD, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Bless the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Grant them ✦seasonable weather, ✦wisdom in planting, and ✦strength in harvesting.
12. LORD, thank You for ✦the truck drivers – who deliver the food, ✦the store workers – who sell us the food, and ✦the cooks and chefs – who prepare our food, especially for those who have prepared the food we are going to eat today.
13. LORD, from Your hand we receive all good gifts, including this food before us and all who are gathered with us today – THANK YOU!
14. LORD, as we are gathered today in peace and joy, grant that we may also gather with You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, to enjoy the fulness of eternal life for ever and ever!
15. Amen!