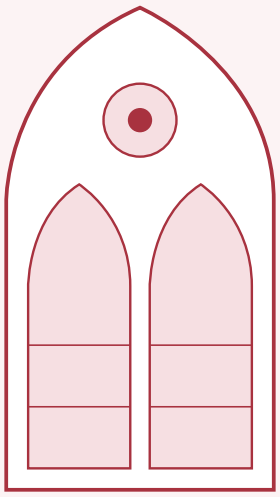
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Thanksgiving prayers

Prayers for Thanksgiving dinner, family and church, with Scripture blessings and Psalm 100.



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The leader reads the lines in regular type. The people answer with the lines in bold. Instructions are in red italic and are not read aloud.

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A short Thanksgiving dinner prayer

ALL PRAY **Father, your generosity fills this table with good gifts. We thank you for each person around it and for this food. Above all, thank you for your Son, our Lord. Give us thankful hearts and help us care for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Thanksgiving dinner prayer for a child

PRAYER Father, we thank you for our daily bread and for Jesus, your Son. Every good gift comes from you. Help us enjoy our meal, love our family and treat one another kindly. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanksgiving dinner prayer for the head of the table

PRAYER Father, accept our thanks for this food, those who prepared it and the people here. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son. Make us patient, truthful and generous. Help us remember those who lack daily bread. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving dinner prayer for a table with guests

PRAYER Father, we thank you for every good gift, for this meal and for all who share it with us. Most of all, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the grace you show sinners through him. Bless our conversation and the homes represented here. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanksgiving dinner prayer for a family with an empty chair

Say the name of the one you miss.

PRAYER

Father, you hold the brokenhearted close. We thank you for the love we have shared as a family and for this food. Above every gift, we praise you for Jesus, your Son and our hope. Today we miss N., whose chair is empty. Hold us close in our grief. Help us receive this meal as your provision and care for one another with patience. Keep our hope fixed on the resurrection Jesus secured for his people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving blessing from Numbers 6

NUMBERS 6:24-26

> [24]May the LORD bless you and keep you; [25]may the LORD cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; [26]may the LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace.

Thanksgiving blessing from Psalm 67

PSALM 67:6-7

> [6]The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. [7]God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

A short Thanksgiving blessing before the meal

PRAYER Father, your Word says, “The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in season.” Thank you for the meal before us and above all for Jesus Christ, your Son. Bless our time together. May our words honor you, and may we share our bread with the hungry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Morning prayer for family

PRAYER Father, we enter your gates with thanksgiving. Thank you for the food we will share today, for this family and, above every other gift, for Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive the hurry and self-interest that keep us from noticing your care. By your Holy Spirit, fill this home with gratitude, patience and generous love. Provide our daily bread and show us how to serve one another. Keep our attention on Christ through every conversation and meal today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Table prayer for each person

Go around the table. Give each person a turn to finish the words “Father, thank you for ...” aloud. After everyone has spoken, pray together.

ALL PRAY **Father, you have heard our thanks for the gifts you give. For this food, for one another and above all for your Son, Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. Accept our gratitude, provide our daily bread and teach us to share what we receive. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Bedtime prayer with children

ALL PRAY **Father, you have filled this day with good gifts, food and the people you placed in our family. Thank you most of all for Jesus, your Son. Forgive our unkind words and grant us peaceful sleep in your care. Give us our daily bread tomorrow. When we rise, help us remember Jesus and speak of his love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Thanksgiving call to worship from Psalm 100

LEADER Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs.**

LEADER Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

PEOPLE **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name.**

LEADER For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.

Opening prayer for church

PRAYER Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We give thanks for daily bread, for the members gathered here and for Jesus Christ, the gift above all others. Open our mouths to praise you and our ears to hear your Word through the work of your Holy Spirit. Forgive our divided hearts and receive the thanks we offer through Christ. Make this service pleasing to you and useful to your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving prayer for the harvest and daily bread

PRAYER

Father, you open your hand and give food to every living thing. Thank you for the harvest, for the bread on our tables and for every good gift that supports our lives. Above all, thank you for Jesus Christ, the indescribable gift of your love. Remember farmers, drivers, cooks and all whose work brought us this food. Make us content with daily bread and generous toward anyone who is hungry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thanksgiving pastoral prayer for church

PRAYER

Father, we thank you first for your Son, Jesus Christ, the gift no words can measure. You gave him for us, and in him we have forgiveness and eternal life. Thank you for daily bread, for the harvest and for each gift that sustains our homes. Thank you for work to do and for the strength to do it. Build up this church in faith and love. As your Word commands, we pray for the President, for our governor and for everyone who holds office. Give them wisdom, and let us live quiet and godly lives in peace. Feed the hungry through the care of your people. Draw near to the lonely, the grieving and every family with an empty chair today. Forgive our restless hearts and teach us to give thanks in every circumstance. Send us from this service ready to share our bread, speak of Christ and serve our neighbors with joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering prayer for church

PRAYER

Father, you are the source of every good gift. Thank you for the work that supports us and the bread on our table. We thank you above every gift for your Son, our Savior. Receive these offerings with our thanks. Teach this church to use them faithfully for the ministry of your Word and the care of people in need. Keep us from loving money, and make us cheerful givers because Christ has given himself for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing prayer for church

PRAYER

Father, your good gifts have filled this day. We thank you for daily bread and for our greatest gift, Jesus Christ, your Son. Send us home in your peace. Help us serve our families, welcome the lonely and share food with the hungry. Keep on our lips the psalm's words, "the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever." Keep the faithfulness of Christ before our eyes until we gather again. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 100 to read at the table

READ PSALM 100:1-5

> [1]Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. [2]Serve the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with joyful songs. [3]Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. [4]Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name. [5]For the LORD is good, and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations.