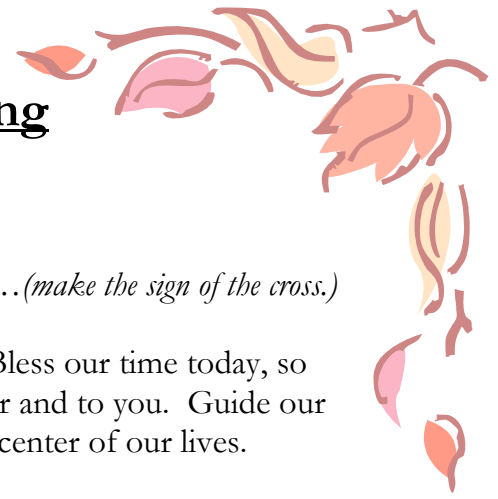


Family Prayer for Thanksgiving



Opening Prayer

Let us take a moment in silence to recall that we are always in the Lord's presence.

Pause Let us begin our prayer with sign that marks our lives... (make the sign of the cross.)

Good and ever-loving God, we gather today aware of your many gifts. Bless our time today, so that our friendship and fellowship will draw us ever closer to one another and to you. Guide our sharing so that all our words are joy filled and help us keep Christ at the center of our lives.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Reading from St. Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 1:3-6

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Activity—take the note card in front of you and recall someone for whom you are very grateful. Once people have had a chance to write, then one at a time share who you are thankful for and perhaps one brief reason why. If the person is not present, try to deliver or mail the thank you to the person for whom it was written within the next week. The following words may be used:

“I give thanks to God for you. You are a special gift in my life. I want to thank you for _____.”



Thanksgiving Table Prayer said in unison:

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love.

We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

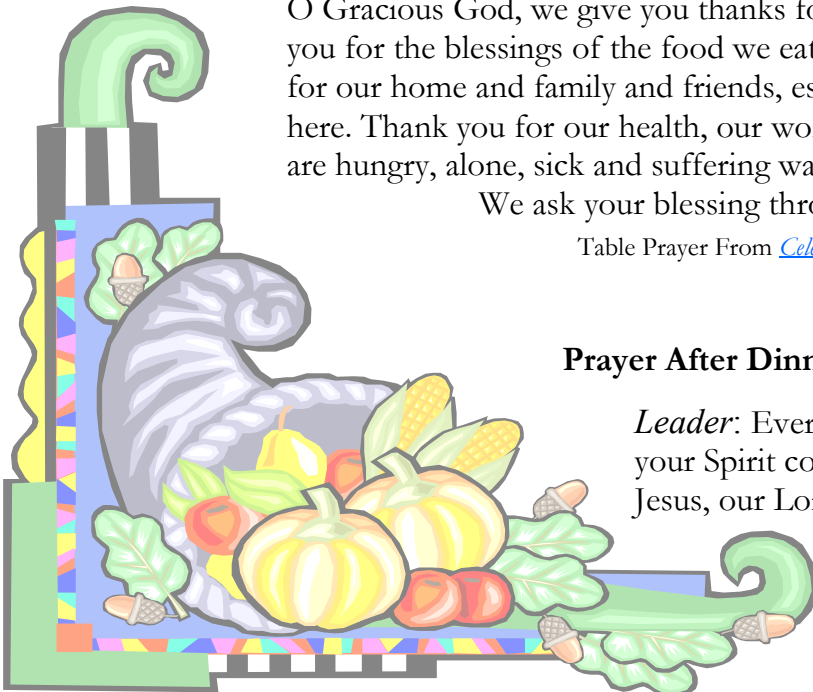
Table Prayer From [*Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities For Catholic Families*](#),

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Prayer After Dinner

Leader: Ever-loving God, bless all gathered here and through your Spirit continue to shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.





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