

Mealttime 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?



A Thanksgiving Practice

Invite each person at the table share why they are thankful for one other person at the table.



Closing Prayer (after the meal)

ALL:

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness:
protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing:
at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing:
once again into our doors.**



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

Happy Thanksgiving.



A Prayer of Thanks

LEADER:

May the peace of Christ be with us as we gather in His name to give thanks.

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 firstfruits of all he created.

(James 1:17–18)

Before we begin our meal together, let's pray. Join me by reading the bold text.

Praise be to you, O Lord,
who spins shining stars across the wondrous heavens
and stretches out the seas,
who lifts the dawn into place
and sets boundaries for night,
who awes the earth with storms
and gentles it with green,
who gives everything a season
and breathes life and love into the dust of me.

ALL:

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

Praise in all things,
for all things:
the soft slant of sunlight, the sweat of battle,
a song in the wilderness, the evening breeze,
the deep breath, the tended wound,
mercy, quietness, a friend;
for the miracles of the daily,
the mysteries of the eternal.

ALL:

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

A Song of Thanks

ALL: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.



A Prayer for the World

LEADER:

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 and love known. Show us how to bless our enemies and welcome the foreigner in our midst.

Let's take a moment of silence.

[After silence]: Let's pray this together now:

ALL:

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

Amen.