

We Gather Together

Begin your Thanksgiving meal with this prayer.

A Joyful Noise to the Lord

As you clean up from dinner, share this Psalm.

Sweet Sounds of Thanksgiving

As you share dessert, sing this song together.

O, Give Thanks

End your meal with this responsive prayer. Ask all to respond with "Thanks be to God."

Mealtime Prayer

O God of bounty and blessing, we celebrate this Thanksgiving by giving you the glory for all that you haven given us. As we gather together at this table for our holiday meal, we are grateful for each blessing we see before us: the food, the friends, the family and the joy we have in you. Let our lives display the thanks we have for your presence with us and for your many gifts for us.

For giving us life, for granting us grace, and for giving us your Son Jesus to free us from our sins and open heaven for us, we give you thanks. Enable those around us to witness the richness you supply and inspire them to join us in giving thanks to you each and every day. For every day is a thanksgiving day with you as our God.
Amen.

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him;
bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

– Psalm 100 –

A Song to Share

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Responsive Prayer

For the harvest of the fields and the food that we enjoy,

Thanks be to God.

For the family and friends who share our lives with us,

For the places where we dwell and all that protects us,

Thanks be to God.

For the work we get to do and the talents we are given,

Thanks be to God.

For rivers and streams, mountains and plains,

For the animals of the earth and the birds of the sky,

Thanks be to God.

For Scripture and prayer, worship and reflection,

Thanks be to God.

For everything that crowns our days, we give our everlasting praise.

Amen.

Table Talk

What are you most thankful for this past year?
What do you hope for in the year to come?

Table Talk

What things do you often take for granted?

Table Talk

What do you want to praise God for today?

Table Talk

Give an example of how you show your thankfulness to others?

Send these Thanksgiving Napkins Rings home or use at parish gatherings or soup kitchens. As you gather for the Thanksgiving meal, have everyone at your table read the back of their napkin ring. There is a suggested time during the celebration when each ring can be shared with the group. Use the *Table Talk* discussion starters to add an element of giving thanks to your mealtime conversation. Sing the *Song to Share* or read it as a poem, or you can go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCKRHp2Yuzs to listen to a performance.