Family Prayer Service around the Thanksgiving Table



Leader: We come together to welcome this feast of Thanksgiving with joy and with gladness. We have prepared good food and drink and we gathered around this table to celebrate the many things for which we are grateful. The Lord is our light and our salvation. May His light burn brightly in our hearts and around this table, both at this Thanksgiving and at all of our family meals.

Grandparent or older child lights a candle.

Leader: We give thanks today for all of the many gifts that we have received.
Each person states one thing they are thankful for.

Leader: Let us also remember those members of this family and those loved ones who are not present at our table.
A silent pause or the names of individuals are said aloud. Each person reads a verse of the following until the prayer is completed.

Blessing: Lord of all blessings: From you has come a full harvest of gifts to us. With our uplifted hearts, we come today around this table to give thanks to you. We are grateful not only for the gift of our very lives but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion, and forgiveness that we have shared. We thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by actions of hospitality, by kindness to others, and by concern for each other.

If guests are present:
We thank you for the presence of (name guests) who, by their presence in our home, have added to this feast. We are most grateful, today, for the way you, our unseen God, have become visible to us in one another, both in our families and our friends, in countless daily gifts, and in the marvels of creation itself.

Come Lord of gifts, bless our table and all the food of this feast. Let us thank the Lord today and all days.

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