THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, as we bow our hearts to You in thanksgiving, we pray that You would be honored in all that we say and do. Thank You for this special day set aside to celebrate Your goodness and lovingkindness and to display our gratitude. We look back on this last year that has been full of joys and struggles, laughter and mourning, happiness and hardship, peace and unrest and we give You our praise for walking through it with us every day. Thank You for the food set before us. May we never forget that no matter what and how much we have, we are richly blessed and You are so generous to us. Thank You for family. Thank You for friends. Thank You for work and for play. You are good to us, God.

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Dear God, we thank You. For yesterday, today, and the rest of our lives. For Your blessings we take for granted — the sunrise, the sound of laughter, beauty, kindness, friends who love us, Your majesty on display in nature, the joy we find in work and play. Thank You for protecting and providing for us. For Your comfort in times of sadness. For Your presence in our daily lives. For Your help to those in sickness, in need, and in suffering. For Your promises and Your faithfulness to keep them. For the loved ones who are now with You and for the hands we get to hold around this table. Thank You for this beautiful food we are about to eat. We turn our hearts to You, Lord, grateful for Your immeasurable goodness.

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Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good;

His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.