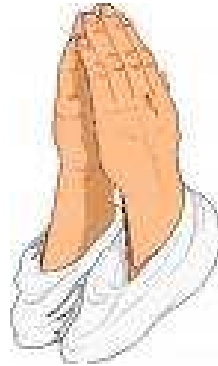


TABLE GRACES



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ANY DAY/EVERY DAY TABLE GRACES

1. Lord Jesus, be our Holy Guest,
our morning joy, our evening rest.
And with your daily bread impart,
your love and peace to every heart. Amen.
2. Gracious God,
Thank you for the food before us,
the friends around us,
the love between us,
and Your presence among us.
Amen.
3. Thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the friends we meet;
Thank you for our work and play;
Thank you, God, for today. Amen.
4. Dear Lord,
we thank you for the bounty
of this your table.
And, as we accept your gifts,
help us to be accepting of others. Amen.
5. For this new morning and its light,
for rest and shelter of the night,
for health and food, for love and friends,
for every gift God's goodness sends,
We thank you, Gracious Lord. Amen.

6. Blessed are you, Lord our God,
ruler of the universe;
you give us food from the earth. Amen.
7. Bless, O Lord, this food to our use
and bless us to your service,
and make us ever mindful of the needs of others
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
8. Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in fellowship with Thee. Amen.
9. For daily bread, for all things good,
For life and health, for this our food,
For each good gift your grace imparts,
We thank you, Lord, with humble hearts. Amen.
10. Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you God for everything. Amen.
11. Our Gracious heavenly Creator,
we thank you for food;
for food for our bodies,
for food for our minds,
for food for our spirits.
Help us to appreciate your gifts
and use them in your service. Amen.

12. O God, to those who have hunger give bread,
and to those who have bread,
give the hunger for justice. Amen.

13. Dear Lord,
bless this food to me
that it may strengthen me for this day.
Bless this day to me. And bless me to this day
that I may do your will in it. Amen.

14. This food, which you have already blessed
in the giving,
do further bless in our partaking,
that it may rebound to your glory. Amen.

15. For food that stays our hunger,
For rest that brings us ease,
For homes where memories linger,
We give our thanks for these. Amen.

16. O God, who has promised to provide,
not for our every whim or wish,
but for our every need,
we thank you for those mercies.
Grant unto us a due sense of appreciation,
for those whose hearts and hands have wrought for us.
Help us to share with others,
that all your children may be strong in body,
mind, and spirit.
Sanctify our fellowship by your Presence;
and may your blessing abide in our hearts. Amen.

17. Bless us, O Lord,
and these thy gifts
which we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
18. Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless, and grant that we
May feast in fellowship with Thee. Amen.
19. Transform this food into life, O God,
and transform that life into useful service of Thee.
Amen.
20. O God, let the spirit of gratitude
so prevail in our hearts
that we may manifest your spirit in our lives. Amen.
21. O Lord, for what we are about to receive
make us truly thankful.
For the struggles in this life make us strong and worthy.
And for the goodness of your world
make us humble and truly grateful. Amen.
22. Accept, O Father, our humble thanks
for this our daily bread;
and as it adds strength to our mortal bodies,
may it give us power to render better service to you.
Amen.

23. Dear Lord,
We thank you for the food we are about to receive,
for the nourishment of our bodies.
For Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.
24. For food, for raiment,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord. Amen.
25. For these, and all good gifts,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord. Amen.
26. (*Echo each line after the leader*)
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord.
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand.
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever.
Amen.
27. (Tune: Jesus loves me)
Come, Lord Jesus be our guest,
Let this food to us be blest.
With your daily bread impart
Love and peace to every heart.
Come, Lord be with us.
Come, Lord be with us.
Come, Lord be with us.
Come, Lord be with us. Amen.

28. (Tune: Are you Sleeping Bro. John)
God our Father, God our Father
We give thanks, we give thanks,
For our many blessings,
For our many blessings.
A-Amen. A-Amen.
29. (Tune: Doxology Old 100th)
For food and drink and happy days
Accept our gratitude and praise.
In serving others, Lord may we,
Express our deepest thanks to thee. Amen.
30. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand,
and satisfy the needs of every living thing.
Thanks be to you. Amen.
31. God of grace,
sustain our bodies with this food,
our hearts with true friendship,
and our souls with your truth,
for Christ's sake. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious God,
we give thanks for the pleasure
of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food.
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life;
the freedom to enjoy it
and all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
we pray for health and strength
to carry on and try to live
as you would have us.
This we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate your birthday
be with us today around this table
and help us to know true peace and joy.
We remember those who are without food today,
and we ask that through the generosity of others
they may find nourishment and love. Amen.

EASTER PRAYER

Bless our table, heavenly Father,
and all who sit at it.
May our joy in the Risen Christ
show itself to all whom we meet.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.