

November ~ Blessing of Food

Harvest festivals are an ancient practice. The great American feast of Thanksgiving follows that tradition. It reminds us that another year's work of growing food is over. We are thankful for all we can store to get us through the winter and continue to enjoy our land's abundance and variety. We also take time to remember God who has given us so much.

As all are seated at table for this meal of giving thanks, we begin with prayer.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray: Creator who sustains all your creatures with food, drink and friendship, we enjoy this moment of special pleasure. We acknowledge your gifts and your goodness. We thank you this day, for you have blessed us beyond measure. From us as people filled with praise, filled with faith in you, filled with the generosity you have shown to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Blessing

(Each person lifts a dish of food or glass of drink.)

Blessed are you, Lord our God. You have lavishly provided for us the fruits of the earth. As you have always promised your faithful people, you fill us with good things. Bless us as we share this food, knowing that we will share with you in the eternal celebration one day. We pray to you as one voice: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Praise to our God who gives life and joy!