

Prayers at the Thanksgiving Table

In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 148: A Psalm of Praise to the Lord

(Read by one person or take turns around the table with a verse per person)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!
Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;
Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. And He has exalted the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints; of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Blessing of the Table

Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord have mercy.)

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, as we gather in thanksgiving to You this day:

- ...Remember those suffering and afflicted by illness, poverty, tragedy and violence, those in every kind of need, those who are alone and help us to be missionaries of Your mercy and love to them;
- ...Remember our civil authorities, our armed forces and defenders of freedom and life whose service and sacrifice have enabled us to celebrate this day in peace and pass through the night safely;
- ...Remember our loved ones gathered here, those who could not be with us today, and all our family in Christ;
- ...Remember all those who have already joined You on the eternal side of life and for the hope you have offered for those who seek you in this life, that they may be granted the unending joy of Your saints;
- ... and we ask that You bless the food and drink of these Your servants and the hands which have prepared it, that it may be to our nourishment and the strengthening of our bodies and souls, and may it be multiplied in the homes of those in need, for You are blessed forever, together with Your eternal Father and Your good and life-creating Spirit, now and for evermore. Amen.

A Hymn of Thanks (from the Divine Liturgy)

English: We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, Lord our God.

Greek: Σε ὑμνοῦμεν, σε εὐλογοῦμεν, σοὶ εὐχαριστοῦμεν, Κύριε, καὶ δεόμεθά σου, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

Phonetics: Se imnoumen, Se evlogoumen, Si epharistoumen Kyrie; ke deometha Sou, O Theos imon.