

# PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

"REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS." 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

### **UPON WAKING:**

Oh God, I thank you for the gift of this new day and for the new mercies you have for me in it. Help me to notice you more fully today. Awaken my senses to you and to the abundant blessings that I am not in the habit of noticing or appreciating. All day long I want to offer my praise and thanks to you for the good gifts you delight in giving me. Amen.

# **BEFORE YOUR THANKSGIVING MEAL:**

#### TABLE FOR ONE

O Gracious God, I humbly thank you for your overflowing generosity to me. Thank you for your tender love and the gift of life. Thank you for the abundant grace and mercy that you continuously pour out upon me. Thank you for your provision and for the people you have given me to journey through life with. Even if we're unable to be together today, I thank you for the beautiful memories I hold in my heart of our time shared together. Thank you for the gifts of your comfort and presence, for being with me through all the joys and sorrows of this world. Be present at my table today. Open my heart to you and to a spirit of Thanksgiving, not only on this day, but every day of my life. Bless the food I am about to enjoy and the hands that have prepared it. May it nourish me in both body and spirit and strengthen me to be a light and witness to your love. I pray these things in the name of Jesus, for whom I give great thanks, Amen.

#### TABLE FOR MORE THAN ONE

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# AT THE CLOSE OF DAY:

God, thank you for your faithfulness to me. Thank you for what I was given today, what I had yesterday, and the blessings you have for me tomorrow. May I never overlook or take for granted the good and perfect gifts that come from you. Help my soul to be still and find rest in you tonight, and rise tomorrow to live thankfully. To seek your face and your will. Shine through me so that each person I encounter feels your presence and love. Amen.