

OUR DAILY BREAD

FOOD IN GOD'S CREATION



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Prayers

for any occasion during Creation Time 2011

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Our Daily Bread (A prayer for throughout Creation Time 2011)

O God
as we eat our daily bread
a serving from field's fare,
help us in breaking daily bread
to celebrate and share.

Creator God, we are blessed with the gifts of the land and the treasures of the sea. We thank you for earth's blessings and for the creatures of field and farm who feed us with their lives. We join in praise of the Divine Love that holds all in cosmic communion.

All : Thank you God our Creator

Creator God, there is a renewed interest in "grow it yourself" and allotments. May these movements continue to develop and expand.

All : Thank you God our Creator

Mysterious Creator, when we share food together we are in communion with the whole of your creation in all its generosity, interdependence and fragility. Help us to eat with the mindfulness that will lead us to a sacramental understanding of life.

O Lord, hear us we pray,

All: O Lord, bless us, and give us a share in Your wisdom. Amen.

God, You give us this planet filled with your gifts for our daily bread. Help us to reverence all of your creation, respecting the rights of all species and the integrity of the elements. Teach us to realize in our hearts as well as in our minds that we praise You when we use Your gifts as You meant them to be used. May we unite with all suffering creation in the struggle for liberation from what seeks to destroy. Grant this that all creation may live in justice and peace. **Amen**

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O God, as the reality of what we have done to the earth and seas, which provide us with our daily bread, dawns on us, grant us the grace to do what is necessary to cooperate with your redeeming care of the cosmos. Give us the generosity and the courage to do without those things that destroy earth, air, water and all that sustains us. Bless us anew, that we may bless the earth with healing care, God – Creator, Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Other prayers and graces to use at the table

Christ
Who helped a boy share his packed lunch
and fed a giant crowd,
Who calmed a troubled steward
by turning water into wine,
Who gave followers a meal to remember
as he broke bread in an upper room
And fed weary disciples
cooking fish by a lakeside....

....thank you for our daily bread.
Help us to follow you
by sharing our plenty,
bringing joy round the table
with food that nourishes,
restores and fulfils.
Amen

Grace
for daily bread
and tummies fed
thank you

for on-going need
and too much greed
forgive me

in daily pause
and with just cause
challenge me

Haiku Prayer *(haiku format: 5,7,5 syllables)*

For our daily bread
thank you, may we remember
others to be fed



Kingdom of God – Menu / Prayer Card

[Set out like a restaurant menu, suggesting a menu of options for our lives and our churches]

Dear God, as I sit down to eat I pray...

For Starters

that the time will come very soon,
when all your children around the world,
can sit down daily to a nourishing meal.

Main Course

that preference is given for the politics of those hungry,
priority is factored for the economics of fair-trade,
and justice is served around the world's table.

Dessert

thank you for my daily bread,
in sharing may I experience true communion,
and taste the sweetness of your kingdom come.

Gratuities

out of my thankfulness,
help me feed the hungry.
and campaign with those thirsting for justice.