

Prayer prior to the meal



The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing (Ps 145:15-16).

Lord, almighty God, You have created it all and keep it by Your Godly power. You fed Israel in the desert. We pray that You bless us, Your pitiful servants, in Your gifts and sanctify the abundance of gifts from Your hand that we may use them in moderation and holiness according to Your good will and thereby profess You as our Father and the wellspring of all that is good. Give that we always and above all seek the spiritual bread of Your Word that feeds our soul until eternal life that You worked for us through the holy blood of your loving Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ admonishes us as follows in Luke 21:34-35:

But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.