

Talk with God . . .

WHY DO WE PRAY AT MEALS?

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

Deuteronomy 8:10

Leader: Lead us, heavenly Father, in our opening way,
Lead us now this morning of our coming day.
While our hearts are happy, while our souls are true,
May we give our childhood as a song to you.

Song: Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children (Sheet music available at cyberhymnal.net)

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.*

*Love Him, love Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love; . . .*

*Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love; . . .*

Student Reader: Matthew 14:15-19

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy some food.”

Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Question for Today: Why do we ask for God to bless our food before meals, and then give him thanks after meals?

Meditation: *Why Do We Pray at Meals?*

Mission Offering

Song: Thank You for the World so Sweet (To the tune of “Thine Forever, God of Love.”)

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything.
Amen.

Prayer (Ask for prayer requests)

Dearest Lord Jesus, it’s sometimes so easy to forget about you when we enjoy the blessings of food and drink. We are truly thankful for the meals you provide, from the smallest snacks to the biggest banquets. Teach us to view all the wonderful things we enjoy as blessing from your gracious hand. In the name of our generous Savior we pray. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

This Week’s Theme to Remember:

**A THANKFUL HEART
IS A HAPPY HEART!**

Benediction

May the Lord walk **beside** you to comfort you.

May the Lord walk **above** you to watch over you.

May the Lord walk **behind** you to keep you safe.

May the Lord walk **before** you to show you the way.

Song: Step by Step