

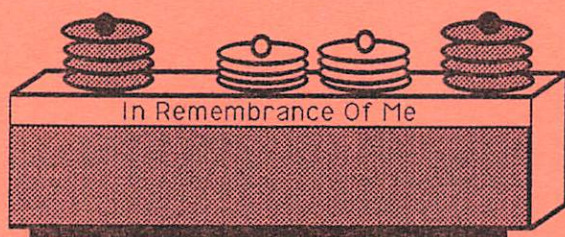
# OFFERING THANKS

AT THE

## LORD'S TABLE

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# **Section 1**

## **Introduction of The Lord's Supper**

# The Lord's Supper

What a blessing it is for Christians to come together on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to remember the death of Jesus. What a great honor God has bestowed upon the men who are chosen to take the lead in giving thanks and serving the Lord's Supper. It is a time of communion—a time when all Christians, with purpose in their hearts, remember the body and blood of Jesus in fellowship.

When David wrote that man is fearfully and wonderfully made (**Psalm 139:14**), he must have had in mind (along with other things) our ability to remember. Even though many centuries have come and gone, each Sunday we can travel back in time to the scenes of Calvary.

The memorial that Jesus chose is a perpetual one. If He had chosen a physical statue or a huge image of the cross as objects for remembrance, time would have defaced these, and they would have disappeared. However, in all generations until the Lord returns, the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine are new and fresh reminders each Lord's day of the body and blood of Jesus (**1 Corinthians 11:24-26**). O how we can see God's wisdom in this special memorial supper!

It is the sincere belief of this author that the men in the church have done a great job in presiding at the Lord's table. Many have chosen such beautiful words as they have given thanks and blessed the bread and cup. However, in all kindness, some have not made an effort to grow and improve their prayers. Others have simply memorized a few lines and repeated them over the years.

This is not intended as criticism, but rather as a challenge to improve. Although there are certain guidelines to follow from the New Testament record, there are various approaches in our prayers that can help us draw closer to the Father as we remember His Son.

The examples of prayers given in the following section of this book are designed to motivate your thinking. Hopefully you will use them to kindle your thinking as you seek to grow spiritually in your leadership and prayers. Even though you may not choose to memorize them, they can still serve to stimulate your thinking.

Each week that you are chosen to serve, you might wish to select a particular prayer in this series to help you pray in a more spiritual way.

An effort has been made to design these prayers from the pattern and examples given by Jesus when He instituted the Lord's Supper. Please study closely the following accounts of this all important event selected from my "Self-Teaching New Testament" published by Quality Publications.

## MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT

**Matt. 26:26** **And** [on the same night in which He was betrayed, 1 Cor. 11:23] **as they were eating**, [I desired to eat the Passover with you before I suffer, Lk. 22:15] **Jesus took** [unleavened] **bread, and blessed it**, [gave thanks, 1 Cor. 11:24] **and broke it, and gave it to the disciples**, [the twelve apostles, Lk. 22:14] **and said, "Take, eat; this is My body"** [which is given (broken) for you; do this in remembrance of Me, Lk. 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24;—was not His literal body, but represented His body, because His body was present when He gave thanks].

**Matt. 26:27** **And He took the cup**, [fruit of the vine, Lk. 22:18;—

after supper, Lk. 22:20] **and gave thanks**, [blessed it, vs. 26] **and gave it to them**, [the disciples] **saying**, [divide it among yourselves, Lk. 22:17] "**Drink from it**, [the contents, not the container, that which represented His blood] **all of you** [and they all drank of it, Mk. 14:23].

**Matt. 26:28 For this is My blood** [figuratively so, in the same way He had used figurative language when He taught, the field is the world, good seed are the children of the kingdom, etc., Mt. 13:38,39] **of the new testament**, [covenant, Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:8-13] **which is shed for many** [for you, Lk. 22:20] **for the remission** [forgiveness, Acts 2:38] **of sins** [the main purpose of the cross—to make forgiveness of sins possible—all other purposes are secondary—the bread and fruit of the vine were followed with the words, 'Do this in remembrance of Me,' 1 Cor 11:24].

## MARK'S ACCOUNT

**Mark 14:22 And** [on the same night in which He was betrayed, 1 Cor. 11:23] **as they ate**, [I desired to eat the Passover with you before I suffer, Lk. 22:15] **Jesus took** [unleavened] **bread, and blessed**, [gave thanks, 1 Cor. 11:24] **and broke it, and gave it to them**, [the twelve apostles, Lk. 22:14] **and said, "Take, eat: this is My body"** [which is given (broken) for you; do this in remembrance of Me, Lk. 22:1; 1 Cor. 11:24;—was not His literal body, but represented His body, because His body was present when He gave thanks].

**Mark 14:23 And He took the cup**, [fruit of the vine, Lk. 22:18;—after supper, Lk. 22:20] **and when He had given thanks**, [blessed it, Mt. 26:26] **He gave it to them**, [divide it among yourselves, Lk. 22:17] **and they all drank of it** [the contents, not the container, that which represented His blood].

**Mark 14:24 And He said to them, "This is My blood** [figuratively so, in the same way He had used figurative language when He taught, the field is the world, good seed are the children of the kingdom, etc., Mt. 13:38,39] **of the new testament**, [covenant, Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:8-13] **which is shed for many** [for the remission of sins, Mt. 26:28; Acts 2:38;—for you, Lk. 22:20].



## LUKE'S ACCOUNT

**Luke 22:14** And when the hour had come, [the evening, Mt. 26:20] **He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him** [first foretold what Judas would do, Mt. 26:21-25].

**Luke 22:15** And [on the same night in which He was betrayed, 1 Cor. 11:23] **He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;**

**Luke 22:16** for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it, until it is fulfilled [even though Jesus returned to His Father, He communed with His disciples each time they partook of the Lord's Supper] **in the kingdom of God"** [He would purchase His church, kingdom, Mt. 16:18, with His blood, Acts 20:28].

**Luke 22:17** And He took the cup, [fruit of the vine, vs. 18] and gave thanks, [blessed it, Mt. 26:26] and said, **"Take this, and divide it among yourselves;** [drink from it, Mt. 26:27;—the contents of the container].

**Luke 22:18** for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, [until that day I drink it new with you, Mt. 26:29] **until the kingdom of God comes"** [even though Jesus returned to His Father, He communed with His disciples each time they partook of the Lord's Supper].

**Luke 22:19** And He took [unleavened] bread, and gave thanks, [blessed it, Mt. 26:26] and broke it, and gave to them, [the twelve apostles, vs. 14] saying, **"This is My body** [1 Cor. 11:24;—was not His literal body, but represented His body, because His body was present when He gave thanks] **which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me."**

**Luke 22:20** Likewise also He took the cup [fruit of the vine, vs. 18] after supper, [after they had eaten] saying, **"This cup is the new testament [covenant] in My blood, which is shed for you** [for many for the remission of sins, Mt. 26:28;—the main purpose of the cross—to make forgiveness of sins possible—all other purposes are secondary—the bread and fruit of the vine were followed with the words, 'Do this in remembrance of Me,' 1 Cor 11:24].

## PAUL'S ACCOUNT

**1 Cor. 11:23** For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered to you; [Paul had taught them the truth earlier about the Lord's Supper] **that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;** [unleavened, Mt. 26:26].

**1 Cor. 11:24** and when He had given thanks, [blessed it, Mk. 14:22] **He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body,** [where He bore our sins on the tree, 1 Pet. 2:24] **which is broken** [on the cross] **for you; do this in remembrance of Me"** [a memorial].

**1 Cor. 11:25** After the same manner [as the bread—He gave thanks, vs. 24; Mk. 14:23] **He also took the cup,** [the fruit of the vine, Mt. 26:29] **when He had supped,** [after supper] **saying, "This cup is the new testament** [covenant] **in My blood** [shed for many for the remission of sins, Mt. 26:28]. **This do, as often as you drink it,** [the New Testament example is on Sunday, the first day of the week, Acts 20:7] **in remembrance of Me"** [the Lord's Supper is a very important memorial].

**1 Cor. 11:26** For as often as you eat this [unleavened, Mt. 26:17,26] **bread,** [to remember His body, vs. 24] **and drink this cup,** [the fruit of the vine, Mt. 26:29, to remember His blood, vs. 25] **you do show** [proclaim] **the Lord's death until He comes** [this memorial was designed to last until the Lord returns to receive His own, John 14:3].

### Must Partake in a Worthy Manner

**1 Cor. 11:27** Therefore whoever eats this [unleavened, Mt. 26:26] **bread, or drinks this cup** [the fruit of the vine, Mt. 26:29, to remember His blood, vs. 25] **of the Lord, unworthily,** [in an unworthy or disorderly manner that would keep them from properly remembering the death of Jesus] **shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord** [the Corinthians were guilty of this sin when they turned the Lord's Supper into a drunken feast of gluttony and selfishness, vss. 17-22;—this should be a warning to all Christians in every generation].

**1 Cor. 11:28** But let a man examine himself, [to make sure he is remembering properly the body and blood of Jesus, cf. 2 Cor. 13:5]

**and so let him eat of that** [unleavened, Mt. 26:17,26] **bread, and drink of that cup** [the fruit of the vine, Mt. 26:29, to remember His blood, vs. 25;—to make sure one is partaking in a worthy manner, vs. 27].

**1 Cor. 11:29 For he who eats and drinks unworthily**, [in an unworthy manner] **eats and drinks damnation** [judgment] **to himself, not discerning the Lord's body** [does not properly keep this God-given memorial].

**1 Cor. 11:30 For this reason** [failing to properly discern the Lord's body] **many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep** [either Paul was speaking metaphorically or literally—if metaphorically, he is speaking of spiritual weakness, illness, and death—if literally, physically many were weak, sick, and had fallen asleep in death].

From these verses you will notice the following guidelines for offering thanks at the Lord's Table:

- A.** He began with the bread
- B.** He blessed the bread
- C.** He gave thanks for the cup
- D.** The purpose of each one  
was in remembrance of Jesus.

## **RUN A TEST**

Each man who offers thanks at the Lord's table should analyze his prayers to make sure all Scriptural requirements are included. Based on the model prayer, the instituting of the Lord's Supper, and other New Testament teaching on prayer, the following pattern should be followed:

### **1. Address The Father**

Jesus taught His disciples to direct their prayer to:

**“Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9).** Therefore, when giving thanks for the bread and cup representing the body and blood of Jesus, speak to the Father.

When Jesus gave thanks for the bread and cup, nothing infers that He gave thanks to Himself. When we offer thanks, we are remembering the body and blood of Jesus, but expressing thanks to our Father in heaven.

## **2. Address The Father With Honor**

Referring back to the model prayer, after addressing the Father in heaven, Jesus added, **“Hallowed be Your name” (Matthew 6:9).** In our prayers at the Lord’s table, there are many expressions that can be used to honor Him. However, there are times when we may want to honor Him by using the words, “Dear Father,” “Precious Father,” “Dear Lord,” “Holy Father,” and others. Addressing the Father with honor is an important part of worship.

## **3. Confine Prayers To The Cross**

When offering thanks for the Lord’s Supper, it is not the proper time to pray a general prayer. Other times have been set aside for this. Have you ever heard prayers before serving the bread and the fruit of the vine where the death of Jesus was hardly mentioned? This is not the way it should be, because the whole occasion centers around the death of Jesus.

We do not need ANYTHING, even other important spiritual things, to take our minds away from Calvary. Paul quoted Jesus as saying, after both the bread and cup were blessed, **“This do in remembrance of me. For as**

**often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:24-26).**

#### **4. Always Give Thanks or Bless the Bread And the Cup**

It is at this point (more than any other) that prayers around the Lord's table leave the New Testament pattern. In all the examples where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He either **blessed** or **gave thanks** for the bread and the cup.

**"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, BLESSED IT and broke it" (Matthew 26:26).**

**"Then He took the cup, and GAVE THANKS" (Matthew 26:27).**

**"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, BLESSED IT and broke it" (Mark 14:22).**

**"Then He took the cup, and when He had GIVEN THANKS He gave it to them" (Mark 14:23).**

**"Then He took the cup, and GAVE THANKS, and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves" (Luke 22:19).**

**"That the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had GIVEN THANKS, He broke it and said" (1 Corinthians 11:23,24).**

**"In the same manner He also took the cup" (1**

**Corinthians 11:25).**

Since Jesus made a special effort to **give thanks** or to **bless** the bread and cup, shouldn't we do the same?

### **5. Always Offer Thanks In Jesus' Name**

Finally, just as it is important to begin our thanks addressed to the Father, it is likewise important to close it by offering it in the name of Jesus.

Christians should always remember that we have only one mediator between ourselves and the Father—**"the Man Christ Jesus"** (1 Timothy 2:5). When we remember the body and blood of Jesus the way that Jesus commanded, the Father is pleased.

Jesus was an obedient Son when He died on the cross. **"....He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross"** (Philippians 2:8). Therefore, the Father is pleased when we remember His Son and give thanks through His name.

Jesus made the promise while on earth, **"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it"** (John 14:13,14).

It is the prayer of this writer that you have the desire in your heart to improve your prayers and service at the Lord's table.

Therefore, with this thought in your mind, would you consider prayerfully the examples in the following Sections designed to encourage you to spiritual growth.

**Section 2**

**Prayers For**

**The Bread**

## **Prayer # 1**

Dear Father In Heaven

We thank you for the honor and privilege of remembering Your Son's body. Would You bless this bread representing His body and all who remember according to Your will.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 2**

Our Loving Father

We lift up our hearts in thanks for this bread that Jesus said is His body. May we remember His body as He intended for us to remember.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 3**

Our Blessed Father

We have gathered here in worship now to remember Jesus and the body that He offered. Please accept our thanks for this bread to be eaten in memory of His body.

In His name we pray. Amen.



## **Prayer # 4**

Holy Father In Heaven

On this Your day we come to remember Your Son's body offered in sacrifice at Calvary. Would You bless this bread?

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Prayer # 5**

Dear Lord and Father

As we come together, we pray in unity. We offer You thanks for this bread to be eaten in memory of the body of Christ. We pray that You will be pleased as we remember.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 6**

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name, the name of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Father, would You bless this bread as Jesus blessed it in the long ago in remembrance of His body?

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 7**

Our Precious Father

We know that You love us because You gave Your Son in death. Thank You for this precious gift. And now we thank You for this bread representing His body broken on the cross.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 8**

Dear Lord

We approach Your throne in thanksgiving for this bread that Jesus said to eat in memory of His body. Please help us now to center our minds on His sacrifice for our sins.

In the Precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 9**

Holy Father in Heaven

We approach You with sadness and joy. Sad for the pain that You and Your Son endured at the cross for our sins. Yet, joyful for the love and forgiveness offered. Would You bless this bread as we remember His body?

In His Holy name we give thanks. Amen.

## **Prayer # 10**

Dear Father

Once again You have honored us to see another Lord's Day and to remember our Savior, Jesus. Help us now as our minds travel back over the centuries to the cross. Father, bless this bread as the remembrance of the body of Jesus.

In Jesus' name we offer this thanks. Amen.

## **Prayer # 11**

Merciful Father

As we offer You thanks for this bread representing Your Son's body, we thank You for this gift of love.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 12**

Our Father In Heaven

We come together in loving memory of the death of Jesus on the cruel cross. We honor You and Your Son Jesus for allowing us to be among the friends for whom He laid down His life. Father, please bless this bread to remember His body.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 13**

Dear Father In Heaven

Thank You for Your Son and Calvary. As we have gathered to worship, we thank You for this bread that Jesus said, "Take eat, this is My body." Help us to remember His body as He intended when He broke the bread and gave to His disciples.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 14**

Precious Father In Heaven

After a week filled with many physical activities, it is so refreshing to our souls to remember, as Your children, the sacrifice of Jesus. Our Father, we offer You thanks for this bread to remember His body offered in love.

In Jesus Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 15**

Dear Lord

Thank You for Jesus and His body offered in agony and love for our sins. Would You bless this bread to the remembrance of that body that was nailed for us at sad Calvary.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 16**

Our Father

Lest we forget sad Calvary with all of His pain and agony, would You bless this bread instituted by Jesus to remember His holy gift—given in love and sacrifice. Father, please help us now to think about His body and death as we partake.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 17**

Loving Father

We have assembled here as Christians to honor and remember the death of Jesus. We long to eat this bread in a worthy manner. Our Father, we give you thanks for this bread—His body—as one of the ways given by Jesus to show forth His death. Please help us to be pleasing as we partake.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 18**

Merciful Father

We approach Your throne of grace to honor Jesus who offered His body in sacrifice to become our eternal High Priest. We thank You for this bread in remembrance of His body, once forever sacrificed forever for sins.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 19**

Our Loving Father

Would You bless this bread to the spiritual nourishment of our souls as we lovingly remember the body of Christ sacrificed on the tree at Calvary.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 20**

Blessed Father

The One who gave His Son that we might have everlasting life. We thank You for this bread chosen by Jesus the Christ to remember His body. May we have the right feelings in our hearts as we partake and remember.

In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 21**

Holy Father

May our thoughts and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight as we remember. We give You thanks for this bread that so beautifully portrays the broken body of Jesus offered for our sins.

It is in Jesus' name that we express our thanks.  
Amen.

## **Prayer # 22**

Our God and Father of all eternity

We humbly bow in Your presence to eat of this bread in memory of Your Son, the Christ. Please bless this bread as we return in memory to the cross where Jesus died.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 23**

Dear Father

As we come to this memorial service, we offer thanks to You in memory of Christ's body offered as a ransom for the sins of the world. Father, help us to be lifted up spiritually by this remembrance.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 24**

Loving Father

We know by faith that it was love that led the Christ to Calvary. We call upon You this morning to bless this bread that is emblematic of His body. May this breaking of bread bring us in focus with His body and death on the cross.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 25**

Our Father

Would You bless this unleavened bread to its purpose of remembering the body of Jesus. Just as the Passover of old reminded them of Your deliverance, may we be reminded of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross to deliver us from sin.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 26**

Dear Lord and Father of all mankind

It is such a privilege and honor to be able to fellowship with other Christians in remembering the death of Jesus. Thank You for this bread to remind us of His body given in sacrifice.

This we ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 27**

Blessed Father

We know that all of us deserve to be nailed to the cross. And that love led Jesus to take our place. Father, would You bless this unleavened bread with its purpose of helping us remember the sacrificial body of Christ.

In Jesus' Holy name we ask. Amen.



## **Prayer # 28**

Our Father in Heaven

We know that many centuries have passed since Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross. But we pray, Father, that as we eat this bread it will bring the offering of His body fresh to our minds. Father, would You bless this bread for the purpose of remembering His body.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 29**

Dear Father

Please bless this bread, and may we partake of it in a worthy manner. Help us now to think of Jesus and His body given in our stead. May this be spiritually acceptable in Your sight.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 30**

Precious Father

Thank You for giving us Jesus and Calvary. We know that without this sacrifice, we would be lost forever. We give You thanks for this bread that Jesus called His body. Father, be with us as we remember.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 31**

Our Father in Heaven

When Jesus took the bread and blessed it, He opened for us a beautiful memorial to remember. Would You bless this bread and be with us, as in our minds, we return to the cross? Help us, by the eye of faith, see His body being offered so that we can choose eternal life.

In His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 32**

Precious Father

As we have gathered together on this first day of the week to break bread, would You bless this bread representing Christ's body. Please help each of us to examine himself and herself so that we may partake in a worthy manner.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Prayer # 33**

Loving Father

We thank You for creating us with the power to remember. Our Father, we thank You for this bread divinely chosen to help us remember the crucified body of Jesus. Would You guide our memories to be pure and pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 34**

Our Lord and Father

It is with faith and hope that we approach this communion. As we eat this unleavened bread to remember Christ's broken body, give us a renewed hope of forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Father, please bless this bread.

In Jesus's name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 35**

Dear Lord

Thank You for the privilege of worship, and especially now for being able to remember the death of Jesus. Please bless this bread to the remembrance of the body of Your Son Jesus.

In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 36**

Our Father in Heaven—Hallowed be Your name.

We thank You for honoring us with another Lord's Day upon this earth, and for this time of worship. We thank You Father for this bread set forth by Jesus to remember His body offered for our sins. Help us now as we remember Him.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 37**

Loving Father

As we gather around this table with the divine purpose of remembering the sacrificial death of Your Son, we plead for Your divine guidance. Would You bless this bread to remember the body of Jesus given on Golgotha to give us hope of eternal life.

We pray in His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 38**

Our Father in Heaven

Please bless this bread representing Christ's body so lovingly given on the cruel cross of Calvary. Help us to remove from our minds anything that would keep us from remembering.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 39**

Dear Father

We honor You and Your Son Jesus who left the riches of heaven to come to the poverty of this earth. Our Father, we especially thank You that He was willing to die for our sins. Please bless this bread emblematic of His body that He offered.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 40**

Precious Father

On this beautiful Spring Lord's Day, we come now to worship and remember the death of Jesus. By remembering His death, we also thank You for His resurrection, and the hope we have of being resurrected to life. Thank You Father for this bread representing His body on the cross.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 41**

Dear Lord

As the seasons of the year change, we are reminded of how fast this life is passing. And Father, help us to realize the importance of things spiritual. Thank You for this bread and body of Jesus offered to give us eternal life. May we take this bread in remembrance of Him.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 42**

Our Father in Heaven

We now approach Your throne of grace in thanksgiving for the bread to remember the body of Christ. Please Father, help us to remember in an acceptable way. Thank You for everything.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 43**

Our Father

Would You help us to return in our minds by faith to the time when Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body." We give You thanks for this bread, and pray that our remembrance of Christ's body will please You.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 44**

Loving Father

We thank You for this bread that Jesus said is My body which is given for you. Would You help us all to eat of this bread in remembrance of Jesus.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 45**

Holy Father—Hallowed be Your name.

As Your children, we now desire to honor and remember the body of Jesus by eating this bread. We thank You for this bread which Jesus said is My body broken for you. Please, Father, help us now to remember the unselfish sacrifice of Jesus.

In His precious name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 46**

Loving Father

We come to You as the only true and living God to remember the precious death of Your Son. Please bless this bread to the remembrance of Christ's body given for us at Calvary. As we partake, let Your will be done.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 47**

Dear Lord and Father

It is with gratitude that we bow in Your presence as we prepare our hearts to remember Jesus. We thank You for this bread set forth to remember His body offered in sacrifice for sin. Help us now to show faithfulness in this communion.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 48**

Our Father in Heaven

Thank You for this bread and this occasion to remember the death of Jesus. We thank You that Jesus was an obedient Son even to the death of the cross. Please, Father, bless this bread to the remembrance of His body.

In His Holy name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 49**

O Lord, Our God and Father in Heaven

We are so thankful that the footsteps of Jesus led Him to the hill of Calvary to give Himself for our sins. It is with love and gratitude that we eat this bread to remember His body. Would You bless this bread and all who faithfully partake.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 50**

Dear Lord

Thank You for Jesus and His willingness to do Your will by drinking the bitter cup of death for our sins. As we have gathered in worship to remember Him, please bless this bread and our remembrance of His body offered for our redemption.

In His Holy name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 51**

Our Precious Father

We bow our heads in adoration to You, the God of all eternity. Thank You for the gift of grace—an undeserved favor. Thank You for this bread reminding us of the body of Jesus offered so that the gift of grace could be extended. As we eat this bread, may we remember and appreciate.

In Jesus' loving name. Amen.



**Section 3**

**Prayers For**

**The Cup**

## **Prayer # 1**

Our Father in Heaven

We have gathered here to remember Your Son's blood given for our sins. Would You bless this cup to its intended use.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 2**

Dear Lord

We sincerely thank You for this cup that Jesus said is My blood of the New Testament. Help us to drink it in remembrance of Him.

In His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 3**

Loving Father

We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for this fruit of the vine that represents the blood of Christ for the sins of the world. Father, please help us now to drink this cup in the remembrance of this precious gift.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 4**

Precious Father

Would You please bless this cup to the spiritual nourishment of our souls as we remember the blood of Your Son for sins. Help us to think on His sacrifice as we commune in Your presence.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 5**

Dear Father of all mankind

We now honor You as the giver of precious gifts. We especially thank You for Jesus and the gift of His blood on the cross. Please bless this cup as we remember Him.

In Jesus' name.

## **Prayer # 6**

Dear Lord

We come before You to honor Your Son by further remembering His death on the cross. We thank You for this cup, His blood, offered for our sins. Please allow this remembrance to be the blessing that is intended.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 7**

Loving Father

On this special day—Your day—we have come to remember the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we drink this cup, help us to remember the precious blood of Jesus shed in love for the sins of the world.

In His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 8**

Holy and Divine Father

For every blessing in life we honor You in thanksgiving. For life, health, strength, and guidance. And Father, above all these we thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus. Please bless this cup in remembrance of His blood.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 9**

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth.

Thank You Father for this cup—set forth by divine guidance to remember the blood of Jesus. Please help us to receive Your blessing as we remember.

In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 10**

Our Father

We come to this special occasion with mixed feelings. We come with sadness because Jesus suffered pain on the cross. We come with joy because His death brought hope for eternity. Would You bless this cup, representing His blood, as we drink.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 11**

Merciful Father

Thank You for the amazing grace given through the sacrifice of Jesus. Help us now, Father, to drink this fruit of the vine in remembrance of His blood. Please bless this cup as we remember His blood.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 12**

Dear Lord

As we've gathered to remember the death of Jesus, thank You for such matchless love in giving Your only begotten Son. Father, bless this cup as we remember His blood given for our sins.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

### **Prayer # 13**

Dear Lord

We need Your help as we come now to this cup that Jesus said is My blood shed for many for the remission of sins. Our thanks is now offered for this cup as we remember.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer # 14**

Holy Father

Please bless this cup of the New Covenant in remembrance of Jesus. Help us Father, to clear our thoughts of physical things, and to fill them with this spiritual experience. Let Your will be done as we drink.

In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

### **Prayer # 15**

Our Father in Heaven

Thank You for the gift of remembrance. Would You bless this cup as our minds travel back over the centuries to the time that Jesus shed His blood for our redemption.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 16**

Dear Lord

Let us remember now the dark scenes of Calvary where the Son of God gave His life in sacrifice. Thank You for this cup, the fruit of the vine, to remember His blood given so we can live.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 17**

Our Father

As we gather around this table of remembrance, help us in our minds to follow Jesus over that rocky pathway to the place on Golgotha where Jesus emptied Himself in death. Thank You for this cup to remember the blood He shed. Bless us now as we remember.

In His loving name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 18**

Our Father in Heaven

We thank You for Jesus, our High Priest, who offered Himself as the sacrifice once for all on the cross. Please, Father, bless this cup and be with us as we remember His blood offered as He officiated in our stead.

We offer this thanks in His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 19**

Dear Lord

We come together now to behold the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world on the cross. Thank You for this cup to remind us of this Lamb without blemish offered for our sins through love and obedience.

It is in His precious name that we offer this thanks. Amen.

## **Prayer # 20**

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name, the name of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Would You bless this cup that Jesus blessed in the long ago as He said, "This is My blood shed for many for the remission of sins." Let us now remember as He intended.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 21**

Holy Father

Thank You for Your Son and Calvary where He shed His blood as a willing Lamb. Would You, Father, bless this cup and all of us as we drink it and remember that precious blood and sacrifice at Calvary.

Thank You in Jesus' name. Amen.



## **Prayer # 22**

Precious Father

After experiencing a week filled with physical things, it is so refreshing to gather here in unity to remember the death of our Lord. As we prepare now to drink this cup in remembrance of the blood of Jesus, please bless it, and help us to gain spiritual strength by remembering.

In His loving name we offer. Amen.

## **Prayer # 23**

Dear Lord

Thank You for Jesus and the blood that He offered in love at the cross for our sins. May we in gratitude and love thank You for this cup, the fruit of the vine, instituted by Jesus to remember His blood. We seek Your blessing.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

## **Prayer # 24**

Merciful Father

We appreciate so much You and Your throne of grace as we come to remember the death of Jesus. We thank You for this cup reminding us of His blood. Thank You for the gift of grace that Jesus made possible through His sacrifice.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 25**

Our Father

When Jesus took the cup and blessed it, He opened for us a beautiful memorial to remember His blood shed on the cross to redeem the lost. Father, would You likewise bless this cup that we may drink it to remember His powerful cleansing blood.

This we pray in Your Son's name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 26**

Loving Father

Thank You now for Your day—a time to remember our loving Savior, Jesus. We now offer to You thanks for this fruit of the vine chosen by Jesus to remember His blood. Help us by faith to accept His blood that has the power to forgive sins.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 27**

Precious Father

We pray that in unity of heart and faith that we have come to this cup of remembrance. Help us to have the right feeling of gratitude and praise as we remember Jesus' precious blood of Calvary. Bless this cup and help us to drink it in a worthy manner.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 28**

Precious Father

Once again we offer our thanks for this cup that Jesus said is His blood. We come to remember His blood and its power to forgive sins. Father, help us now to do Your will by drinking this cup by faith and in remembrance.

In Jesus' Powerful name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 29**

Loving Father

As Your children, we desire to honor and remember the blood of Jesus by drinking this cup. We thank You for this cup representing the shed blood of Jesus. Help us now to remember His unselfish sacrifice.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 30**

Our Dear Father

We come before You with the cross of Jesus on our minds. After remembering His body, we want to remember His precious blood given so that we might be set free from the bondage of sin. Father, we give thanks for this cup as we remember His blood.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 31**

Our Father

As we sometimes sing, "There is power, wonderful working power in the precious blood of the Lamb." We have come to this moment to remember this powerful blood. Would You receive our thanks for this cup set forth to remember the blood of Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 32**

Dear Lord and Father

It is in gratitude that we bow to thank You for this fruit of the vine—chosen by Jesus to remember His precious blood. As we prepare to drink, may we think of Him on the cross as His pierced body shed forth His blood. Help us now to show faithfulness before Your throne.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 33**

Gracious Father

We have gathered to remember the most precious gift ever given—the sacrificial death of Jesus. Please bless this cup in remembrance of His blood for our sins that we might be justified in Your sight.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 34**

Dear Lord

After remembering the body of Jesus, we come to remember His blood offered at Calvary. Please, Father, bless this cup and all who will partake. Help our minds to climb that rugged hill where Jesus shed His blood so that we can have life.

In His precious name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 35**

Our Loving Father

Help us by faith to see the blood of Jesus that came from His body in sacrifice for all who are lost in sin. Would You, Father, bless this cup that we might remember Him and His love for our souls?

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 36**

Our Precious Father

As we drink this cup of remembrance, help us to remember the blood of Jesus. We thank You for this cup, and as we drink it, may we, by faith, hear Jesus whisper, "This do in remembrance of Me."

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 37**

All Loving Father

Thank You for the privilege of worship, and for this cup, the fruit of the vine, to be drunk in remembrance of His blood. As we drink, Father, please give us a renewed hope of forgiveness.

It's through His name we sincerely pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 38**

Dear Lord and Father

We have gathered on this Your holy day to remember the body and blood of Your Son. Our Father, as we prepare our hearts to remember the shed blood of Jesus, we give thanks for this cup. Please help us now to recall the precious blood that forgives sins.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 39**

Precious Father

After remembering the body of Your Son, we come now to the precious moment to drink this cup in remembrance of His blood. We ask You to bless this cup that we may receive spiritual strength for now and the days of this week. Let us please the Godhead of eternity as we drink.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Prayer # 40**

Dear Father

As Your children, we desire to please You as we live on this earth and prepare for eternity. Without the shed blood of Jesus, we know there would be no forgiveness of sins. Therefore, we give You thanks for this fruit of the vine representing His blood. As we drink and remember, we seek Your guidance.

In the name of Your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer # 41**

Our Father In Heaven

We come into Your presence through the name of Jesus to drink this cup in remembrance of the precious blood of Jesus. Father, we thank You for this cup and the forgiving blood that it brings to our remembrance. Help us to drink in a worthy manner.

We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Prayer # 42**

Our Lord and Father

Let us now as a body of believers be one in mind and heart as we remember. Father, we give thanks for this fruit of the vine and ask that we may unite in remembering the sacrificial blood of Calvary that was shed for our sins.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 43**

Our Precious Father

We know that You love us because You gave Your Son. We know that Jesus loves us, because He gave His life. Father, let us now return our love by remembering the blood of Jesus that forgives. Bless this cup in remembrance of that blood given in love.

In His name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 44**

Holy Father

What a Savior we have in Jesus! What matchless love He has shown by dying. Our Father, as we think of this love, we come now to remember His shed blood on the cross. We thank You for this cup, and seek Your approval as we drink.

In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 45**

Our Father of Love

The One in whom we live and have our being. We come before You to remember the most important part of our spiritual being. With appreciation, we ask You to bless this cup so that we can remember the blood of Jesus given to bring eternal life. Help us Father, now to remember.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



## **Prayer # 46**

Our Father

What a price Jesus paid for our redemption! We come now to remember the precious blood that sets us free. As we drink this cup, help us to return our minds to the scene of the cross where Jesus gave His life blood for our sins. Father, bless this cup to its divine purpose.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 47**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

We come to You to offer thanks for this cup, the fruit of the vine, chosen by Jesus to represent His blood. We offer praise and adoration for the forgiveness of sins through His blood.

All of this we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

## **Prayer # 48**

O Lord, Our Lord

Thank You for Jesus. We thank You that He was willing to leave riches to accept poverty. We thank You that He became lower than angels to become a servant. Above all, Father, we give thanks for this cup as we remember His shed blood at Calvary. Help us to honor the God of eternity as we remember.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 49**

Dear Father

We honor You for the privilege of true worship. We bow down our hearts in adoration for Your love toward us. Father, as we remember the sacrificial death of Jesus, we offer thanks for this cup—His blood, given as a ransom to set us free from sin. Help us to drink this according to Your divine will.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 50**

Blessed Father in heaven

Thank You for Your guidance through this past week, and now for Your day of worship. By faith, we come now to remember the blood of Jesus at Calvary. Father, please bless this cup to the remembrance of His blood. As we drink, we long to please You.

In His all powerful name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 51**

Dear Lord

How grateful we are for Your gift of Jesus on the cross. We have come now to remember His blood so freely offered for our sins. Would you bless this cup, to remind us of His blood. May our hearts remember what He did for us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Section 4**

**Prayers Before**

**Giving**

## **Prayer # 1**

Our Father in Heaven

We come now to honor You as the only true God of our lives. As we give, help us to realize that You are the source of all giving.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 2**

Dear Lord

Thank You for providing us with health and strength to earn, so that we can have the privilege of giving. We ask that we will be blessed by giving, and that Your work will prosper. Father, please multiply our giving to Your glory.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 3**

Holy Father

We come to recognize You as the One in whom we live and have our being. We are thankful, Father, that You have provided us a way to express love by giving. We honor You, Father, as the perfect example as a giver, and we seek Your blessings as we give.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 4**

Our Heavenly Father

The giver of all precious gifts from above. We pause for these few moments to thank You for all the blessings of this life. We also thank You, Father, for this privilege of giving. Would You accept our gift as a sincere expression of our hearts.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 5**

Dear Lord and Father

We honor You as our maker and Creator of all things. As we are challenged to give for the work and the spreading of Your kingdom, we ask Your guidance that we might give in an acceptable way.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 6**

Holy Father

We approach Your throne as the God of all blessings. We know, Father, that without You we are nothing, and would have nothing. Therefore, as we give, we give what You have given us. May these thoughts help us to give in an unselfish manner.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 7**

All wise Father

We thank You for Your wisdom in allowing us to give to Your church. We ask for forgiveness through the name of Jesus that we may give from a pure heart. Father, we also ask that You guide the leaders of this church to spend these gifts for You wisely.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 8**

Precious Father

As we come now to lay by in store as we have prospered, please help us to give from an honest heart. Help us to feel the joy that comes from supporting the spiritual body of Jesus on earth.

For it is in His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 9**

Dear Lord

Our heart's desire at this time is to honor You through giving from the abundance by which You have prospered us. Please look into our hearts and see our thankfulness and willingness to give to Your work on this Your day.

In Jesus' name we offer this thanks. Amen.

## **Prayer # 10**

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name in heaven and on earth. We come to You in prayer to thank You for the honor of giving. Father, would you help us to be an unselfish giver as we give as You have prospered us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 11**

All wise Father

We come to praise You for giving us life and the strength to work with our hands so that we may share with those who have need. As we give, we pray that these gifts will help spread the gospel and help the needy. Thank You for everything.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 12**

Our Dear Loving Father

We thank and praise You for Your everlasting greatness. We know, Father, that You have everything, and that for us to give is within itself a privilege for us. Thank You for this time of sharing through giving.

In the name of Jesus we pray, who gave Himself as the perfect example of giving. Amen.

## **Prayer # 13**

All Wise and Powerful Father

Help us now to honor You further in giving. As we give, Father, let us keep in mind that we are Your stewards and that all we have belongs to You. May this thought motivate us to be cheerful givers.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 14**

Holy Father

We thank You for being the perfect example of giving. Thank You Father for bestowing us with the ability to work, and now the honor of giving. Help us to believe that what is given in Jesus' name will be turned into good works for Your kingdom.

We offer this thanks in the name of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

## **Prayer # 15**

Dear Lord

Let us approach Your throne in the spirit of thankfulness. Help us to be cognizant of the fact that it is in You that we live, move, and have our being. Guide us now, Father, as we give. May this be a way for us to honor You and Your Son Jesus.

In His name we pray. Amen.



## **Prayer # 16**

Our Father

We come to honor You as the only true God of both time and eternity. We pray that such feelings toward You will now be reflected in our giving. We thank You for every blessing bestowed upon us by Your powerful hand.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 17**

Loving Father

We long for ways to express our sincere love for You. And we thank You for Your commands and examples in Your word for giving. Would You Father, now allow our giving to be an expression of love toward You, Your Son, and the kingdom.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 18**

Dear Lord and Father

For all the necessities to sustain our lives that You have provided, we thank You and honor Your name. Especially now, on this occasion for giving, we ask You to help us give to You in a pleasing manner.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 19**

O Lord, Our Lord

When we consider the works of Your hands and all that You have provided, we stand in awe. Thank You for sharing with us a small portion of Your riches. Father, would You help us to show our appreciation now by our giving.

In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 20**

Precious Lord and Father

Thank You for those assembled here today with hearts prepared to give to You and the work of Your kingdom. We seek the blessing that You have promised those who give cheerfully. Thank You for this privilege.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 21**

Heavenly Father

Thank You for being our God, and for giving us this service to worship You. At this time, we want to give to You. Father, we pray that as we give money to Your work, that we have first given ourselves. Let Your will be done through us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 22**

Dear Lord

We honor You as the Creator and sustainer of heaven and earth. Among the many ways that we seek to please You, please accept our offering in Your service. Let us now give in a way that reflects our love for You.

In Your Son's name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 23**

Almighty Father in Heaven

As we come to honor You with our giving, we wish to pause to thank You and to honor You in prayer. Our Father, You have sustained us and provided the needs of our existence. May we now, to the best of our ability, give to spread Your church and kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 24**

Loving Father

What a wonderful blessing to live to see another Lord's Day. We count it a special honor when You allow us to assemble to worship You the true and living God. As we come to this opportunity to give from among Your abundant blessings, we ask for Your guidance.

In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 25**

Holy Father

In the presence of Your loving kindness and providential guidance, we come to give as You have prospered us. Our prayer is that this will be a time of giving from the heart and in an acceptable way.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 26**

Our Father

You have so abundantly blessed us in this nation with so many material blessings. Would You now help us feel the need of sharing as we are challenged to give to Your divine work. May the principles in Your word guide us to please You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 27**

O Lord

Let us now praise You with all our hearts. May we honor You for Your marvelous works and the blessings You shower upon us daily. Father, we come now to give to Your work from the blessings that You have given. Help us to think of Your greatness as we give.

In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 28**

O Lord, Our Lord

It is in You that we place our trust as we come in a prayer of thanksgiving before Your heavenly throne. We recognize Your love and righteousness as we come to give to Your eternal work. Father, guide us to further honor You in our giving.

In Jesus' Holy name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 29**

Our Father

We know that Your words are pure like silver tried in a furnace. By faith we believe that You will bless us in abundance when we give from pure hearts of love. Help us to give in a way that reflects the influence of Your word on our lives.

We ask this through the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Prayer # 30**

Holy Father

Thank You for the promise that if we give You will give us a full measure, pressed down and running over. But even above this, let us give because we love You and the spread of Your church and kingdom to the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 31**

O Lord our Father

It is to You that we lift up our souls in thanksgiving as now we prepare to give. Would You help us to give in an acceptable way. As we give, may we rejoice that we can give something of ourselves to You.

Thank You for this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

## **Prayer # 32**

O Lord, our Lord

We come now to give a portion of what You have given us. Would You help us to be good stewards of that which already belongs to You. Help us to lay aside all selfishness and to give from a generous heart of love.

In Jesus' name we make this request. Amen.

## **Prayer # 33**

All Powerful Father

We come now to give thanks for more blessings from You than can be imagined. Our Father, we long to please You in every way, and especially now in our giving. Please bless us as the givers, and the gifts to Your glory.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 34**

Our Precious Father

May we thank You for all creation, and for our own existence. Father, we know that we could never repay You for Your blessings, but it is our heart's desire to share and show love by giving. Thank You for this privilege.

In Christ's name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 35**

Holy Father

We know that everything good comes from Your powerful hand. Help us now to express love and appreciation by our giving to Your church, purchased by the blood of Jesus.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 36**

Dear Lord

As we come before You to give as You have prospered us, we do so believing as Your Son said while on earth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thank You for this principle, and for the opportunity to share some of the blessings that You have given us.

This thanks is offered in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 37**

Precious Father

We approach Your throne in thanksgiving as we prepare to give to the work of Your kingdom. Let us honor You, Father, for the seasons, the passing of time, and the many opportunities to work so that we can give. Please help us to give with a true attitude and with sincerity of the heart.

In Your Son's precious name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 38**

Divine Father

We come now before You, and recognizing You as the only true and all powerful God in heaven. Thank You for sharing so much with us from Your bountiful creation. Our Father, would You guide us now in our giving to sow bountifully to support all good works.

We honor You in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 39**

Dear Lord

As we come in this service to lay by in store in preparation to spread Your kingdom, we long for Your blessing. Father, help us realize that our giving is a spiritual gift for Your church and not a man made effort. Would You bless the gifts and the givers.

We beseech You in Jesus' name. Amen.



## **Prayer # 40**

Our Father in Heaven

May we as Your children approach this opportunity for giving with a willing mind and a generous heart. Father, help us to give from what You have given us. May we as Your children, join together in supporting the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 41**

Loving Father

As we seek to honor and please You with our giving, help us to avoid covetousness and selfishness. May we be reminded that when we fail to give according to Your will that we become guilty of robbing You. Father, guide us as we give, so that we may grow in giving.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 42**

Dear Lord

We come before You to give. Please help us to be aware that Your word teaches us to purpose in our hearts, and to be a cheerful giver. Holy Father, we ask Your blessings on us as we endeavor to honor You and support Your work through our giving.

We ask through Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 43**

Our Father in Heaven

Thank You for this time of giving. Thank You for the bounty from Your powerful hands. Thank You for the promise that You will make all grace abound, always having all sufficiency in all things for every good work.

Thank You for all the blessings in Your Son's name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 44**

Precious Father

We come now to sow seeds of good works through giving. We pray that as we give based on how much we have prospered, that You will use these gifts to increase the fruits of Your righteousness.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 45**

Holy and Divine Father

We come to recognize You as the giver of all things that are powerful and good. Father, we desire at this time to honor You and to express our love through giving. Would You please guide us to be acceptable in Your sight.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 46**

Our Precious Father

We honor You as the ruler of heaven and earth, and from everlasting to everlasting. Father, we bow our heads, and lift up our hearts in praise and adoration for Your gift of life in the physical, and the spiritual in Christ. We pray for Your guidance as we give.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 47**

Loving Father

Thank You for blessing us through this past week, and for providing us with a means of livelihood upon this earth. Father, as we come now to give to You, we pray that our giving will reflect a sincere love for You and Your Son.

In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Prayer # 48**

Dear Lord

We sincerely thank You for this time of giving to You, and to Your work. Would You help us to accept this as one of our greatest blessings in serving You. May we realize that in giving we imitate one of the beautiful characteristics of the Godhead.

We offer this thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Prayer # 49**

Precious Father

We honor You as the God of all eternity. Thank You for the honor and experience of worship. Dear Lord, please guide us now as we give from a cheerful heart that has purposed to do Your will. Would You turn this whole experience into a special blessing to honor You.

This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Prayer # 50**

Holy Father

Thank You for being such a powerful God and ruler over all. We beseech You now as we come to the challenge to lay by in store on this first day of the week. Our Father, we know that only You have made this occasion possible. We seek Your blessing and guidance as we give.

In Jesus' name.

## **Prayer # 51**

Dear Lord

We come before You now with thanksgiving in our hearts. Help us to express gratitude to You as the giver of all gifts. Father, search our hearts, and find there a willingness to give from a heart of love.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.