## **Prayer Before Christmas Dinner**

Our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the birth of your Son and the celebration of His life. We give thanks for our family and friends and for the blessing that you have given us so we can enjoy this Christmas meal together. We thank you for our home, a kitchen, for loving hands and for the abundance of food upon this table. May we remember that there are those who have no families, no place at a table, and no one with whom to share a Christmas dinner. Help us to listen to your voice so we can reach out and help their Christmas be a happy one .We ask that you would bless our time around this Christmas table and we ask you to bless our food. May our hearts and attitudes, our actions and our lives be blessings to you. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, we pray. Amen.

Our Father in Heaven,
For this Christmas meal you have given
We want to say thank you from our hearts.
Bless the ones who prepared it
And Lord as we share it
Will you stay with us
And be our guest of Honour.

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this Christmas time. We are grateful for all who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

## A Table Prayer for our Christmas Dinner

Most merciful Father,
your gifts of love are countless
and your goodness infinite.
On this Christmas Day we come before you
with gratitude for your kindness.
Open our hearts to have concern for others
so that we may share your gifts
with all your people.

We ask your Blessing upon this meal that we now share together. Bless those who prepared the meal, those whom we share it with and all your people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.