

## Patterns of Grace and Gratitude Week 5

Wednesday, May 12



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**Time to consider mealtime grace.**

**Creator God,**

you have set before us is a feast that we did not create.

But you did.

You sent the sun and the rain, the coolness and the dry days

so that the crops would grow and flourish.

You filled the waters with fish and the fields with livestock

and we are thankful for this food.

**Hardworking God,**

you placed within farmers and harvesters, fishers and growers of vegetables and fruits

the passion for goodness, cultivation, good husbandry and careful planning.

We give thanks for all of these good souls that we do not even know, who labored on our behalf so that

we might eat this day.

**Servant God,**

you have blessed our lives with people willing to serve,

to bake and cook, bring plates to the table and clean up after us.

Some of these people we know and love and rarely thank for this willingness to love us in this way.

Some of these people we don't know at all but they helped us this day.

Allow us to be thankful in the moment to your servants, and compel us to say

"thank you" to them, today and always.

**Fulfilling God,**

Thank you for all of these things and for filling our stomachs so that we might fill your world with love

and goodness in return. Amen.