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Note: The final phrase may be used as an introduction.
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1. We thank you, Lord of all things good, for loving
2. Lord of Creation, bless the hands of those who
3. O Lord of Mercy, this we pray, guard all who
4. Lord, send us out with hearts aflame to do good

1. friends, for daily food. You care for us in countless
2. serve, who till the land, who bake our bread and set our
3. hunger on this day. May they be nourished, safe, and
4. works, to praise your name. May peace and justice be our

1. ways. With grateful hearts we sing your praise.
2. feast. May they know restfulness and peace.
3. warm. Embrace them gently in your arms.
4. call. We thank you, Lord, by serving all.

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Textwriter Notes

While originally conceived as a blessing before meals, “We Thank You, Lord” carries a global message of gratitude as well. The text offers thanks for creation and all within, yet takes on greater meaning when the “feast” we sing of is the Eucharist. As we recognize the blessings bestowed upon us, we also pray for our brothers and sisters in need. In Verse 4, whether acknowledging physical or spiritual fulfillment, we are called to continue showing gratitude by serving others.

Set to a common hymn tune, “We Thank You, Lord” is easily sung by congregations and choirs. It is appropriate for use during liturgies throughout the year, most especially those whose readings focus on gratitude, creation, and justice.

—Remi Fonseca Bauer