

## WE THANK YOU, LORD

Remi Fonseca Bauer

We thank you, Lord of all things good,  
for loving friends, for daily food.  
You care for us in countless ways.  
With grateful hearts, we sing your praise.

Lord of Creation, bless the hands  
of those who serve, who till the land,  
who bake our bread and set our feast.  
May they know restfulness and peace.

O, Lord of Mercy, this we pray,  
guard all who hunger on this day.  
May they be nourished, safe and warm.  
Embrace them gently in your arms.

Lord, send us out with hearts aflame  
to do good works, to praise your name.  
May peace and justice be our call.  
We thank you, Lord, by serving all.

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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 four, whether acknowledging physical or spiritual fulfillment, we are called to continue showing gratitude by serving others.

*Use:* Blessing, Christian Life, Creation, Discipleship, Eucharist, Hunger, Justice, Love for Others, Love of God for Us, Peace, Petition/Prayer, Social Concern, Thanksgiving

Preview



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1. We thank you, Lord of all things good, for lov - ing  
2. Lord of Cre - a - tion, bless the hands of those who  
3. O, Lord of Mer - cy, this we pray, guard all who  
4. Lord, send us out with hearts a - flame to do good

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2. serve, who till the\_ land, who bake our\_ bread and  
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