**Loaves & Fishes Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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We give you thanks, O God, for being the sustainer of all good things.

**Lord, we give you thanks.**

Like the one who prepares food, you provide the sustenance that we need to flourish.

**Lord, we give you thanks.**

You prepare a table before us so that our cup overflows.

**Lord, we give you thanks.**

You satisfy our appetites from famishment, quench our dry throats from thirst, and give us strength to do justice, to love, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

**Lord, we give you thanks.**

Therefore, may we never take for granted the gifts of food and drink.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we never ignore the pain of hunger in our midst.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we spend ourselves on behalf of those who are hungry.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we endeavor to satisfy the needs of those who are oppressed so that your light, O God, will rise in the dark places and your will become clear like the noonday sun.

**Amen.**