

## **Christmas Day Table Prayer**

Lord God of Life,  
together with the beautiful traditions  
of decorating the Christmas tree,  
of singing carols and giving gifts,  
this Christmas dinner is an important part  
of our celebration of the birth  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Come, Lord our God,  
and surround our feast day table  
as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.  
Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness  
as we savour this coming together  
of family and friends.

As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced  
at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,  
so may we take great joy  
in our Christmas dinner-celebration.

May You, our God, bless it and us,  
in Your holy name.

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