

## **Prayer for a Dinner**

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We gather this evening with the understanding that while we may come from different backgrounds and traditions, here at [name of institution], we are fully aware that:

We are united in gratitude for our shared values of honor and respect for the dignity of all persons,  
We are united in gratitude for our concern for justice,  
We are united in gratitude for a God who is ever present and ever faithful,  
And we are united in gratitude for our pursuit of a life of learning and of service to one another.

Let us pause for a moment to call upon our gracious and most compassionate God to invigorate and enliven us as we share this food and fellowship.

Most Merciful and Compassionate God, in whose image and likeness we are made, inspire our hearts, sharpen our minds, and bless the food before us. May it nourish us so we may be of even greater service to our world and bring peace and prosperity to our neighbors both near and far.

This we pray in confidence and with faith, hope, and love--now and forever.

Amen.

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