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O God, giver of every good and gracious gift, We
come to you with our prayers of thanksgiving this
day. We are thankful for the gift of your un-
failing grace, which surrounds us so completely.
We experience it in the beauty of this season, the
smile of a friend, the word of comfort when we
are alone, and in the hearing of your word.

There are times when we forget that the gift
of your love is freely given for all people. In
this world we have been taught that we cannot
receive something for nothing. Yet, you gave your son,
Jesus Christ, to die and be raised up for each
of us while we were still lost in sin and separated
from you. For this amazing gift of love, we lift
our thanks to you.

Among us today are those who have reclaimed the
gift of your saving grace. We rejoice with them in
their joy and peace. Among us are the weary and the
worn who shoulder tasks for your Kingdom. It is
our prayer that your Holy Spirit would come to
them and refresh them as a cool and life-giving stream.
Among us are those who have felt the burden of
illness and concern for loved ones who are ill. We
confess to you that we do not fully understand
the gifts of healing and wholeness that you offer, but
we simply place our trust in you this day to be to
these people a very real presence of Wholeness & Strength.
It is in the name of our Savior, Jesus
Christ. We pray-

"KINGDOM ETIQUETTE"

ONE WHO CAN BLESS US, OR WHOSE PRAISE MATTERS. AND HE WILL BLESS US AS WE COME TO HIS BANQUET TABLE POOR, SINFUL, HOMELESS, DESERVING, OF NOTHING AND UNABLE TO REPAY. WE WILL HEAR GOD SAY TO US, "WELL DONE...ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER."

WHEN WE HEAR THAT, WE CAN NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. WE NO LONGER HAVE TO FIGHT TO GET TO THE HEAD TABLE BECAUSE GOD GIVES A PROPER PLACE TO ALL WHO COME IN HUMILITY. THEN WE ARE FREE TO EASE THE PAIN, WANT, AND HURT IN THE WORLD BY GIVING WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US : HIS LOVE.