

Blessing of Easter Food by a Baptized Person

Intercessions

Leader: The Son of God who invites us to the Paschal feast stands ready to help. Let us call upon Him in our need.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

That Easter may find us cleansed of sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

That the bread we share may be a reminder of the Bread of Life we share in the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

That we may be ready to give from our table to those who hunger and thirst, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

That we may one day enjoy the banquet of the Lord in the heavenly Kingdom, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: Christ taught us to pray for our daily bread and so we dare to say:

Our Father...

Prayer of Blessing

God of glory, the eyes of all turn to You as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to His heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

OPTIONAL: SPRINKLE FOOD WITH HOLY WATER IF AVAILABLE

R. Amen.

Leader: May Christ nourish us and strengthen us with faith and love, now and forever.

R. Amen.