

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS IN THE HOME



The household gathers at a convenient time before the Easter meal around the Easter baskets, a cross, and Bible. All make the sign of the cross.

LEADER: For our sake Christ became obedient, accepting even death on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him the name above all other names. Blessed be God forever.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

LEADER: Listen now to the words of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Another member of the household reads Luke 24:13-35.

After a brief pause for silent reflection, the Leader continues.

LEADER: The Son of God who invites us to the Paschal feast stands ready to help. Let us call upon him in our need by responding “Lord, prepare us for the feast of life” to the following petitions

Another member of the household reads the following petitions.

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

That the bread we share may remind us of the bread of life we share in the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord...

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

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

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

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

LEADER: 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 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...

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May Christ nourish and strengthen us in faith and love, now and forever...

ALL: Amen

All conclude the blessing with the sign of the cross.