

Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings and family meals. It is a time to be grateful to God for the many blessings in our lives. It is also a time to remember our brothers and sisters in need and provide for them from the generosity of our hearts. We have been greatly blessed! We are called to love others as the Father loves us. The saying goes, a giving heart is a joy-filled heart in the Lord.

As we sit around our tables giving thanks, we pray a blessing over our food. ***“Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ Our Lord. Amen.”*** Then many say after their meal: ***“We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.”*** I also like to include: ***“May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.”***

Now, how can we take this prayer a step further? We are always aware that many people are hungry throughout the world. Many will go to bed without food in their bellies. Many will die of starvation. We are truly blessed to sit around a table with food and drink. So how can we reach out to all our brothers and sisters who lack this basic need?

The Holy Spirit has taught me how to provide for them in faith. Remember what Jesus said to his apostles? We can ask the Father anything in His Name (Jesus), and it will be granted to us. Jesus said that we would do greater works than he did when he would go home to the Father. Can you image that!

So now I say: ***“Father, I thank you for my food and drink; and I ask you to bless my food and drink. In Jesus’ Name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I ask you to multiply my food and drink. I ask you to send the Angels on mission to provide food and drink for those who are hungry and for those who are thirsty. Nothing is impossible to you, Father. One Fiat from you created billions of stars out of nothing.***

One Fiat from you can create food and drink for all your children. I remind you, Father of the words Jesus gave us: "Give us this day our daily bread." Thank-you Father for hearing and answering my prayer.

God is a good and loving Father who always keeps true to his words and promises. All we have to do is **BELIEVE** that what we ask for he is doing. Do we have to see the fruit of our prayer? No. Faith is believing in what we cannot see. Our words have the power of the Holy Spirit attached to them because we are the sons and daughters of God. Does not God dwell in our hearts and souls?

When doubting Thomas needed to see the wounds of Jesus before he would believe, what did Jesus say to him when Thomas saw them? ***"Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe."*** Do we need to see to believe? Cannot the Father do the impossible when we act on faith alone?

Many may question this prayer as utter foolishness! So I ask, is it your mind or your heart speaking? Our minds are **limited** by our reason, but our hearts are **limitless** in faith. Nothing is impossible to God when we have faith and believe. Nothing is impossible when we form an act of love from our will for love is the power of God's Spirit that resides in our hearts! **DO YOU BELIEVE?**

We can **do** God's Will, or we can go further and **live** in God's Will. **Doing** God's Will can only go as far as eating our own meal, but **living** in God's Will is providing a meal for everyone!

We are the Father's children from baptism. Do you believe? Then let love guide your heart in doing the impossible in Jesus, Name!

Happy Thanksgiving...Father David