

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for this beautiful day and for this opportunity of being together. We ask your blessing and special protection on these friends, our guests, whom we honor. You well know that we are all doing our best to serve You and we pray that You will smile down on us and continue to walk with each of us giving us the strength, health, wisdom and courage to follow in the way of Christ. We ask your blessing on this food. Let us use it to the nourishment of our bodies that we may better serve You, our God. *Amen*



INVOCATION

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; giver of all good graces, sustainer of all creation and spirit; Thou hast promised that where two or more would meet in Thy name Thou wouldst be in our midst and bless us. We invoke that promise and presence now. We beseech Thee, our Father, to guide us in our deliberations; to encourage us in our decisions; forgive us our trespasses, and abide within us always. We ask all things in Thy Holy name, praying that we might do all things to be wholly pleasing unto Thy sight. *Amen*