

Sample Communion Prayers

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for calling this community of Christians together and we recognize that you are present through our shared faith that makes us one. As we come to your table, we admit that we are in need of a savior. For, on our own, we have fallen short of the goal you call us to reach. May each of us search our own heart and discover our need for your grace and mercy. And may we find it here in the bread we break & the cup we drink. May it nourish and strengthen us to go forth from this place to witness all the more boldly to the love of God for all people, through our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Let us pray. Loving God, as we break this bread & drink this cup, we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. We remember how he could have saved his own life, but chose to save ours instead. We thank you for loving us so much, that you would allow this sacrifice to take place. Help us remember, in our partaking of these elements, that in your eyes, we are connected and united with all who share our faith. And may this communion meal strengthen us to serve you, by striving to make all your people one in our eyes and in our world. This we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Let us pray. As this bread of communion is broken, we remember our own brokenness – our own sinfulness and weakness. But as this bread is broken, we also remember Christ's body, broken on the cross to make us whole. May all who receive this gift of life be strengthened to live new lives – ones in which your light and love is shared with others in all that is said and done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lord, we thank you also for this cup, which is the sign. of your everlasting love for us. As Christ's own blood was freely given/or us, may the spirit of his sacrifice live on in all we do. May we be living expressions of the humility he died to teach us and may that humility be that which creates a more loving community of faithful people through us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**.

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