

A Gathering Prayer

Lord, prepare my heart for those who will gather today in my house. May my home be a sanctuary to my guests—a place where they can be seen, heard, and loved deeply. May my guests feel at rest and at peace to be who You have created them to be. May the words spoken at my table be a reflection of You—full of kindness and gentleness. May any previous hurts or conflict be acknowledged with grace, and reconciliation begin today. May the food nourish our souls, reminding us to taste and see that You are good. May the time spent with one another edify and encourage our hearts toward You, Jesus. And when it comes time to say goodbye, may we be grateful of the gifts that come from You, including this day.

Amen