

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
For all things living You have made good.
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**

**Lord, bless the labor We bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with you,
Harvesting, milling, For daily bread.**

**Father, providing Food for your children,
Your wisdom guiding Teaches us share
One with another, So that rejoicing
With us, all others May know your care.**

**Then will your blessing Reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning No one will hunger,
Your love sustaining, Fruitful the land.**

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