

St. Brigid of Kildare's Table Grace

I should like a great lake of finest ale

For the King of kings.

I should like a table
of the choicest food

For the family of heaven.

Let the ale be made
from the fruits of faith,

And the food be forgiving love.

I should welcome
the poor to my feast,
For they are God's children.

I should welcome
the sick to my feast,

For they are God's joy.

Let the poor sit with Jesus
at the highest place,

And the sick dance with the angels.

God bless the poor,

God bless the sick,

And bless our human race.

God bless our food,

God bless our drink,

All homes, O God, embrace.

A Prayer on the 154th Anniversary of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church

The Lord God has blessed us with 154 years of mission and ministry on this hill in Seven Springs, North Carolina. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as Holy Innocents Episcopal Church.

As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the People of the Way.

Therefore we are a remembering people, and we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come.

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us on this hill as Holy Innocents Episcopal Church.