



Mardi Gras Table Blessing

(On the eve of Ash Wednesday)



Lord our God, on this eve of Ash Wednesday, we ask that You bless our celebration of the feast of
Mardi Gras.

Bless our table, our food, and wine, as well as all of us who sit about this feast day table. Come, Gracious Lord, and join us at this feast as we prepare to join Your Son, Jesus, by prayerfully entering into these forty days of Lent. As the food and wine of this feast give nourishment and strength to our bodies and spirits, so may we, during this coming season of Lent, give strength and support to each other and to all who accompany us on this pilgrimage of prayer from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

As this Lenten roadway causes us to reflect upon the death of our Lord, may we also remember His victory in His resurrection from the dead. May this dinner on the eve of the day of ashes be a joyful foretaste of the rebirth and new life that is the promise of the feast of the Resurrection. Together for the final time before these forty days, let us sing the ancient song of joyful victory:

Alleluia!