

PRAYERS

AROUND THE TABLE

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Jesus,
There is a lot going on right now.
I don't how this is all going to play out.
It feels like we are on the edge of something and I'm not sure how I feel about it.
This not knowing, this tension in the air -
It's hard to bear well.

You see that, don't you?
How I am caught between temptations to flee, temptations to fight, and temptations to betray you
in order to force a resolution.

Apparently you see the goodness in me also; the family likeness that is woven into my DNA and is not to be denied; the potential for being part of growing something good that you saw when you called me;

and all the ways I have matured in love as you have been leading and guiding me in our time together so far.

Knowing me as you do, here you are now, inviting me to this, your table, making a space for me here. In the midst of all this you open out your hands and offer me gifts that I sometimes forget I need:

Nourishment
Thanksgiving
Humility
Conviction
Forgiveness
Fellowship
Yourself

Thank you, Jesus.
Thank you, thank you, Jesus.

Yes,
I will take my place at your table.

Thank you, Jesus, for these,
my companions.

I know you see them, too:
your image in them which
glows
when they flourish and
serve in love,
and the wounds and wants
with which they walk and
sometimes fall.

Thank you for all we have
gained
from walking this way
together so far.
The inspiration, the
sharpening,
the physical, emotional,
spiritual solidarity,
the benefit and challenge
of each others' gifts and
mistakes;
we would not have grown
nearly so much if we were
on our own.

We are different.
This moment is not the
same for each of us.
We feel its impact and
respond in the uniqueness
of who we are and what we
have experienced.

As I pray for myself, I pray
for them -
May they too receive the
grace they need:
Nourishment
Thanksgiving
Humility
Conviction
Forgiveness
Fellowship
Yourself

Thank you, Jesus.
Thank you, thank you, Jesus.
That they have a place at
your table.

Here we are together, then,
Carrying all that has been,
Unsure of what is to come.

"One of you will betray me",
you say.
Who do you mean? It could
be any of us.
Lord, have mercy.

And mercifully here you are,
laying the table -
A big, growing, messy,
beautiful table.

Around it we share:
Nourishment
Thanksgiving
Humility
Conviction
Forgiveness
Fellowship
Yourself

Thank you, Jesus.
Thank you, thank you Jesus.
May many more
find their space
at this table.

Amen

