Naval Graces

Before Dinner

Nelson’s Grace

God save the Queen. Bless our victuals and make us thankful. Amen.

Lord bless our Queen, our dinner and the Fleet in which we serve. Amen.

Bless O Lord, before we dine
Each dish of food, each glass of wine
And make us evermore aware
How much O Lord, we’re in Thy care.
Amen

Trafalgar

With ships of the line and other fine food,
Our mem’ries go to ships of wood;
We praise the Lord, and pass our port,
And seek to serve him as we ought. Amen

Bless the Royal Navy and noble deeds,
meeting all our national needs.
And as we eat keep us aware,
How much, O Lord, we’re in your care.
Amen

other versions:
Bless SBS and sneaky deeds, etc.
Bless Royal Marines and specialist deeds etc.

For the provision of fine food,
For the pleasure of fine wine,
And for the privilege of fine company,
We thank you O Lord.
Amen

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, upon our dinners your blessing be; our fare, our wine, our cheer – and as we rise upon the morn may God save us. Amen.
For the food we eat and those who prepare it;
for health to enjoy it and friends to share it, we thank thee. Amen.

O Lord, when hunger pinches sore,
Do thou stand us in stead,
And send us from thy bounteous store
A tup or weatherhead! Amen.

Come Lord Jesus be our guest
And may our meal by you be blest. Amen.

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord for He is kind.
All things living he doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need. Amen.

A Sixth Century Grace

May the blessing of the loaves and fishes
which our Lord shared among the multitude,
and grace from the King who made the sharing,
be upon us and our partaking. Amen.

A White House Grace

God is great, God is good,
Let us thank him for our food. Amen.

An Elizabethan Grace

God bless our meate;
God guide our ways;
God give us grace our Lord to please.
Lord, long preserve in peace and health
Our gracious Queen Elizabeth. Amen.

For what we are about to receive,
may the Lord make us truly thankful. Amen.

Lord, make us thankful for these and all your other mercies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless O Lord, this food to our use and us in your service,
and keep us mindful of the needs of others. Amen.

After Dinner
For what we have received may the Lord make us truly thankful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We thank you, O Lord, for this food and for all your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, for these and all your gifts, we give you thanks. Amen.

For good food, good wine and good fellowship, we thank thee, O Lord. Amen.

For food and for wine, and those who have prepared and served it, we give you thanks good Lord. Amen.

O Lord, since we have feasted thus, Which we so little merit, Let Meg now take away the flesh, And Jock bring in the spirit. Amen.

We give thee thanks Almighty God for all thy benefits which we have received from thy bounty; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For bread and wine And Auld Lang Syne God’s holy name be praised. Amen.

For well-filled plate And brimming cup And freedom from the washing up. We thank you Lord. Amen.

**Trafalgar Night**

Nelson’s grace above is traditionally used.

As Nelson’s vict’ry we recall We ask thy blessing, Lord of all, That all who in this meal do share Might e’er enjoy thy tender care. Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

We give thee thanks, O Lord of Hosts, For vict’ry off Trafalgar’s coast. And for the cheer which this meal brings We give thee thanks, O King of Kings.
Now ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Humorous Graces

traditional alternative;
Blessed Lord whose love divine,
Did turn the water into wine.
Now bless and keep these foolish men,
Who bid to turn it back again.
Amen

God bless this bunch
As we munch our lunch.
Amen

We thank you Lord for this our Mess Dinner,
If it weren’t for your great goodness,
we’d be a lot thinner.
Amen

Good food,
Good meat,
Good God,
Let’s eat.
Amen

For well-filled plate and brimming cup,
and freedom from the washing up,
Lord we give You thanks and praise.
Amen.

For bacon, eggs and buttered toast,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Rub a dub, dub, thank God for this Grub.
Amen.
(Supposedly first attributed to Homer Simpson)

Through the lips and over the gums,
Look out stomach here it comes.
Amen

Latin Graces
Before dinner

Benedicto benedicat per Jesum Christum
Dominum Nostrum.  Amen

May the blessed bless, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Om-nipo-tens Deus Clemen-tiss-ime
Pater omnis bon-ni fons:
In donis tu-is gauden-tes nomen
Tu-um mag-nifi-camus:
Per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum.  Amen

 Almighty God and Father of mercies and fount of every good;
in the enjoyment of Thy gifts we bless Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen

After dinner

Agimus tibi gratias, Omnipotens Deus,
pro donis tuis, per Jesum Christum,
Dominum nostrum.  Amen

Accept, Almighty God, thanks for your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  Amen

Burns Graces

Before Dinner – The Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat and cannae eat,
And some wad eat that want it.
But we hae meat, an we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.
Amen

After dinner

O Lord, since we hae feasted thus
Which we so little merit.
Let Jock now take away the flesh,
And Meg bring in the Spirit.
Amen