Thanksgiving Day is a National holiday celebrated on varying dates in the United States, Canada, some of the Caribbean islands and Liberia. There are similarly “festival” holidays which occur in Germany and Japan. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and for the preceding year.

In the United States, many American families celebrate with large feasts of food. As Missionaries, we need to recognize how blessed we are to have food on the tables in front of us and pray for those who are going hungry in Mission lands.

On the plate above, write your own Thanksgiving prayer, praying for those who may not have breakfast, lunch or dinner! Display this plate on your Thanksgiving table as a reminder of how blessed YOU and YOUR FAMILY are and the need to pray and sacrifice for children and their families in Mission lands.

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