

## Giver of All Good Gifts

You are the God who feeds and nourishes.  
You are the God who assures that we have more than enough,  
and we do not doubt that  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Even in such an assurance, however,  
we scramble for more food.  
After we have filled all our baskets  
with manna,  
we seek a surplus –  
enough education to plan ahead,  
enough power to protect our supply,  
enough oil to assure that protection.

And in the midst of that  
comes your word,  
that we share bread and feed the hungry  
even to the least and so to you.  
We mostly keep our bread for ourselves,  
our neighbors,  
and our friends.

It does not occur to us often,  
to feed our enemies,  
to share your bounty with  
those who threaten us.

We do not often remember to break vicious cycles  
of hostility  
by free bread,  
by free water,  
by free wine,  
by free milk.

Until we remember that you are the giver of all good gifts,  
ours to enjoy,  
ours to share.

Stir us by your spirit beyond fearful accumulation  
toward outrageous generosity,  
that giving bread to others  
makes for peace,  
that giving drink to others  
makes for justice,  
that giving and sharing opens the world  
and assures abundance for all.

We pray this even as we ponder the gift of your Son  
Whom we ingest as bread and wine,  
And tasting, find ourselves  
Forgiven and renewed  
Feed us till we want no more.