Family Worship for Chinese New Year/Reunion Dinner 2023

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Call to worship (Leader of family to lead):

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

R: His love endures forever!

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

R: His love endures forever!

L: Give thanks to Him who led His people through the wilderness.

R: His love endures forever!

L: He freed us from our enemies.

R: His love endures forever!

L: He gives food to every creature.

R: His love endures forever!

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

R: His love endures forever!

Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, They fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! (x2) Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hands hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness. To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Prayer:

Faithful and Almighty God, thank You for gathering us today to enjoy this time of reunion and to celebrate the new year together. Looking back, we thank You for crowning the past year with Your bounty, and causing our paths to overflow with Your abundance. Whether in good or bad times, we have experienced Your abundant grace. Apart from You we have no good thing! In the new year, teach us to reflect upon ourselves and to forgive, to put aside past hurts and lay down our prejudices, especially amongst our family. Grant us the love to accept one another and the courage to be reconciled to each other, that we may restore harmony in our relationships. Heavenly Father, guide us with Your gracious hand and guard our hearts above all else, that we may walk in newness of life, for Your glory and to the blessing of others. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!

Scripture reading:

We put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

Sharing:

- 1) In good times and bad, God is with us. Please share how God has blessed or has shown mercy to you in 2022. After sharing, all to respond with "God, we thank You for Your wondrous deeds".
- 2) Each family member can share a new year resolution. After sharing, all to respond with "God, in Your strength we trust".

Closing Song: "Thank You Thank You Jesus" Thank You thank You Jesus Thank You thank You Jesus Thank You thank You Jesus in my heart (x2)

Closing Prayer: "The Lord's Prayer"

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.