

Up Off The Couch

God of All Thankfulness
On this day
After the turkey has been gobbled up
The stuffing stuffed
The potatoes plundered
The cranberry consumed
And the pumpkin pie plundered

We give you thanks
For the feast
For friends
For family,
For fellowship.

But now,
move us
Up off the couch of complacency
And into the world of want, worry, and woe
Not going out of guilt,
Not running from remorse,
Not oscillating into overcompensation,
But stepping up and out in faith

Faith that You can feed ALL who are hungry;
Faith that You can heal ALL who are sick;
Faith that You can clothe ALL who are naked;
Faith that You can set free ALL who are imprisoned;
Faith that You can erase the debts of ALL those who have run out of credit;
Faith that You can house ALL who are homeless;
Faith that You can teach ALL who wish to learn;
Faith that You can employ ALL who are unemployed;
Faith that You will fulfill Your promise
Faith that You CAN transform this world,
If we ALL step up
and participate in Your salvation.

Send us into this Advent season
Awake and aware,
Alert and alive,
Open to Your grace,
Ready to point to Your Way of love,
Unafraid and undaunted,
Ready to Behold
Your presence in our lives.

We pray this to You,
God the Creator,
God the Christ,
And God the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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