

## Give Thanks

This is a sketch about giving thanks and was used at harvest time.

*Scene: a table set out for dinner with a salad based starter. Well dressed man and woman come on stage laughing and chatting.*

M You know I've been so grateful for all the help that you've managed to give me. I don't know how we'd have got that deal through unless you had that finance arranged

R That's what friends are for

M Well I'm still grateful for your help and I don't mind saying so (*sees table*) - oh and you've even spoilt me with a meal

R Just a little celebration

M Well double thanks then. And such a lovely spread too. You've really made an effort here.

R Well come on and sit down then (*pointing to seat*). This is my speciality starter - Salade de pays de L'Angleterre.

M Sounds very exotic

R Not really - its just salad! Here, would you like to light the candle. (*hands matches to M and pours the wine whilst he lights the candles*) Mind you, only the finest salad vegetables here. They were picked fresh yesterday morning (*pauses*) - off the stall in Swaffham market! (*both laugh*)

M Well thank you Swaffham Market. It's handy that we have it. Have you tried the stall that sells duck eggs? None of your prepacked supermarket stuff.

R Yes, we need to be thankful we live near a market.

M (*picks up knife and fork*) Well let's dive into your culinary masterpiece then (*starts eating*)

R Just a moment - aren't we forgetting something?

M Oh, I'm sorry - you haven't started yet.

R No - we haven't given thanks

M Sorry - thank you for all your effort here.

R No, no. What I mean is that we haven't said grace.

M Sorry?? Grace who? Oh - do you mean you have a friend called Grace I need to thank.

R I think you haven't quite understood me. We haven't said thanks to God for the meal.

M Why do that? It's the farmers who grew it and you who prepared it.

R Yes, but it's God that makes the sun to shine and things to grow - you haven't thought about that have you. If crops didn't grow, then we'd all be dead wouldn't we. That's the whole point of saying grace - we give thanks to God for all His goodness to us. You were quite happy to say thank you to me for helping you with that business deal - so why can't you say thank you to God.

M I suppose you've got a point there

R Well in that case let's say grace. Dear Lord thank you for the way in which you provide the sun and the rain to make our food grow so that we are able to live on this Earth. Thank you that you love and care for each of us spiritually and have provided your Son, Jesus to be our Saviour. Amen