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our Lord. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS, &c.

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sole Giver of these?—Are they not worth ask-
ing, and giving Thanks for?—This shews
plainly, that this Sin, being against the very
natural Notions of Sense and Gratitude, is of
the Devil, who makes the Tables of too many
to become a Snare and a Curse to them, by
Intemperance, Gluttony, and Drunkenness.

All Christians, who have any Regard to the
Example of their Saviour, who always glori-
fied God, and gave Him public Thanks for
his Blessings;—or to the Example of St. Paul,
who would not omit this Duty, tho' in Bonds,
and in the Presence of a numerous Company
of Heathens;—All Christians, seeing the
Reasonableness of this Duty, and the Sin of
omitting it, or of not performing it after a
serious Manner, will be inexcusable before
God, if they neglect to glorify Him at their
Daily Meals.

Now, that the most unlearned may not
want Words to express their Thanks, and beg
God's Blessing upon themselves, and their
daily Food, these following may be made
use of.

GRACE before our Meals.

O GOD who giveth Food unto all Flesh,
grant that we may receive these thy
Gifts with thy Blessing, and use them with
Sobriety, and thankful Hearts, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRACE