

# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Bread Baskets

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*While they were eating he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." (Mark 14:22)*

**A Prayer Poem by Sister Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle B  
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We walk past the bread aisle of the grocery store  
and see selections galore: rye, wheat and gluten free;  
enough to feed you and me, but not all those who hunger.

"He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you  
with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show  
you that not by bread alone does man live..." (Dt 8:3a)

What other way can you refresh the hungers of today's starving?  
Give them the

- Bread of God's words,
- Bread of charity,
- Bread of justice.

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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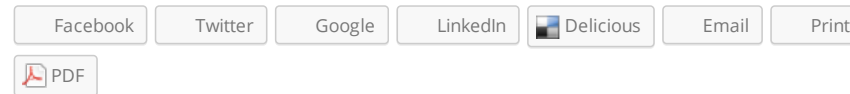
Bread of prayer,  
Bread of tears and consolation,  
Bread of forgiveness.

O, Christ, bread come down from heaven,  
May we be "bread baskets" overflowing with a manna unknown. Amen.

#### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. When did you receive First Communion? When was the last date you celebrated this day of happy remembrance?
2. How have you been a breadbasket for others?
3. Why is there still hunger in our own countries?

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