Psalm 67

Join the song of the nations, praising God for how He is at work in all the ends of the earth.

Significance – the LORD bless you and keep you

"Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.' So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."-Gal. 3:7-9

Parties – God shall bless us

"Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth..." – Col. 1:5-6

**Imagery** – The earth has yielded its increase

"O ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, we glorify you that you have again fulfilled to us your gracious promise, that, while the earth remains, seed-time and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the kindly fruits of the earth, which you have given to our use. Teach us, we beseech you, to remember that it is not by bread alone that man does live; and grant us evermore to feed on him who is the true Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

- 1. God is at work **Graciously** "may God be gracious to us"
- "...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:12-13
- "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:21

2. God is at work Bountifully – "and bless us"

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." – Malachi 3:10

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christs with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." – Ephesians 1:3

- 3. God is at work Radiantly "and make His face to shine upon us"
- "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"
- Psalm 119:105

- "...and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21
- "...he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." – Hebrews 7:25

-As you recall how God graciously draws near, let it stir your heart to pray for those who are "far off."

-When you've experienced God's refreshing blessing, pray for those who are craving satisfaction in a barren wasteland.

-While you delight to walk in God's light, remember those who walk in darkness, even without realizing it.