DEAR LORD,

WE PRAY TO YOU IN GRATITUDE

FOR 25 YEARS OF VERITAS TRIED AND PROVED

HOWEVER, I REGRET THAT WITH THIS DINNER

WE WILL ALL NOT GET ANY THINNER

**BUT LET THAT NOT STOP OUR THANKS** 

AS WE SHARE THE MEAL WITHIN OUR RANKS

THE WINE WE KNOW WILL BE FINE

TO ENJOY WITH WHAT WE DINE

MAKE US EVER GRATEFUL

FOR OUR LATEST PLATEFUL

CONVERSATION WILL FLOW IN LIVELY FASHION

EVEN BEFORE WE RECEIVE OUR TIMELY RATION

SPEACHES AND AWARDS ARE NEXT ON THE LIST

RESULTS WE SURELY CAN'T RESIST

THE JUDGES JOB HAS BEEN GREAT

THE RESULTS ARE ALL FIRST RATE

WE THANK YOU FATHER GOD

FOR ALL THE STAFF, ESPECIALLY THE KITCHEN SQUAD

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR

AND WHOM WE'LL NO LONGER FIND HERE

AND THOSE WHO TODAY WILL NOT BE FED

AND TONIGHT WON'T HAVE THE COMFORT OF A BED

ALL THE FOOD AND WINE WILL NOT MAKE US LIGHT

BUT OUR THANKS TO YOU LORD IS CORRECT AND POLITE

TEND TO US O LORD THIS NIGHT

MAY OUR FUTURES ALL BE BRIGHT

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR HELP AND PROTECTION

FOR ANOTHER 25 YEARS OF GREAT SELECTION.

**AMEN** 

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