

NAZI PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

As if there could have been any doubt in the minds of young children as to who was the divine inspiration and savior of Germany, youngsters in the city of Cologne were required to recite the following prayers at school lunchtime:

Before Meals: Fuehrer, my Fuehrer, bequeathed to me by the Lord,
Protect and preserve me as long as I live!
Thou hast rescued Germany from deepest distress,
I thank thee today for my daily bread.
Abideth thou long with me, forsaketh me not,
Fuehrer, my Fuehrer, my faith and my light!
Heil, mein Fuehrer!

After Meals: Thank thee for this bountiful meal,
Protector of youth and friend of the aged!
I know thou hast cares, but worry not,
I am with thee by days and by night,
Lie thy head in my lap,
Be assured, my Fuehrer, that thou art great.
Heil, mein Fuehrer!

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