

HARVEST PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We give thanks for the rain and sun; for our farmers who work with nature and preserve the beauty and diversity of God's creation; and for the wild creatures which enjoy the harvest of berries, nuts, grains and seeds.

ALL: We pray to you Lord of the Harvest.

We give thanks for the soil, rich and precious, home to countless living creatures which maintain fertility and give us food and life.

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We pray for a growing awareness that we all depend on the earth for our daily food and fuel; and for the increasing numbers of people who want to eat local food and have closer links with food producers.

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We pray for the wisdom to live in ways that will slow down climate change and keep the rains falling in their due season.

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We pray for the grace to recognise we are part of God's creation with responsibilities to care for God's earth and our fellow creatures

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Bring peace to the killing fields of war, turn scorched earth to green, so that people can sow their seeds and harvest their crops and live in harmony with their neighbours.

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Bring justice to those tempted to waste fertile land growing crops for other peoples profit and denied access to land for growing their own food.

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Send us out into the world, in service to God's creatures, as disciples of Jesus who blessed bread and wine at the Last Supper — bread which earth has given and human hands have made and wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

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