Pray together this Harvest

A Harvest Prayer

Creator God, you give life and light to the world.
We rejoice together in the wonder and the fullness of your creation.
We give thanks for small seeds that flourish into great trees and bear fruit in abundance.
We delight in the gifts of nature and the hope that a good harvest can bring.

Loving God, you know our sorrows and our failings.
We have cut down what was flourishing.
We have consumed and destroyed what was given to us to nurture.
We repent our wrongdoing and ask you to guide us in the ways of righteousness.

Living God, you call upon us to sow peace, grow faith, and tend to one another in love.
Plant in us a commitment to pursue that call.
Strengthen our hope as we seek together the coming of your kingdom on earth.
Amen.

Prayer before a Meal

Lord God, the Earth is yours and all that is in it.
We give thanks for the food we share
and ask your blessing on those who grow, harvest and prepare it.
Forgive us when we fail to care for your world.
Inspire us to act for the good of our neighbours, especially those who do not have plentiful food.
Nourish us with your Spirit,
That we may be filled with energy to do your will.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Prayer for Hope

God of hope,
With you nothing is impossible.
Your promises endure,
Your Spirit sustains us.
Establish in us hope for your world;
Hope that moves us,
Like fire in our bones,
Like a shoot springing up from the soil,
Like an ever-flowing stream.
Nurture in us a vision for change.
Stir in us a desire for justice,
That our hope may become action,
That your will may be done.
Amen.

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Prayer of Penitence & Lament

Let us pray to the Lord, confessing our fears and failings.

The wild beasts wait with you in the desert.
The trees clap their hands in praise of you.
The creatures of the sea fulfil your word.
But we turn away from you.

Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.

The earth is yours and all that is in it.
You declared it good.
In your hand is the life of every living thing.
But we treat the earth as our own possession.

Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.

The land mourns.
The stones cry out.
Creation groans and suffers.
But we listen only to our own interests.

Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.

Silence may be kept as those present call to mind our need for forgiveness and our grief over the climate crisis.

Gracious Lord, Creator of all,
Hear us and help us.
Amen.

Prayer Points

Offer your own prayers in response to the following:

- Pray for families who have lost their homes, livelihoods, and security due to floods and storms. Ask God to bring them comfort, protection, and the support they need to rebuild their lives.
- Give thanks for the courageous work of local partners. Pray for their continued strength, safety, and wisdom as they respond to urgent needs in vulnerable communities.
- Ask God to open the eyes of the world to the suffering caused by underreported climate disasters. Pray that governments, media, and citizens will act justly and respond compassionately.
- Pray for emotional and physical healing for survivors, especially women and children living through trauma, loss, and displacement. May they experience hope, dignity, and renewed purpose.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God we thank you for the gifts that spring forth all around us,
Flowing from our fellowship,
Growing from our actions in your name. Inspire us with your Spirit,
Encourage us to seek new ways to stand up to injustice,
And speak up for those in need.
Send us out replenished,
That we may do the work of your kingdom. We ask this in your name, Lord.
Amen.

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