



Rogation Days Garden Blessing

Greeting and Opening Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O gracious Father, you open your hand and fill all living things with abundance: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; send forth your breath, and renew the face of the earth; show your lovingkindness, that our land may yield its increase; and save us from selfish use of what you provide, that the poor and needy may give thanks to your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-25

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Prayers

A PRAYER FOR A TIME OF PESTILENCE

O Lord, you who are the refuge of the poor and needy, we ask that you would save us from the pestilence that stalks in the darkness and the plague that destroys at midday. Be our sun and shield. Be our fortress. Be our comfort this day. May we not fear any evil but rather trust in your might to save and your wisdom to guide, so that we might rest always in the shadow of the Almighty. In the name of the One who heals our diseases. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR GROCERS

O Lord, you who are the True Grocer who gives your life as bread and wine to a needy world, bless the farmers who make the food and the manufacturers who make the goods that we consume; bless the distributors and the drivers who go the extra mile to make our groceries handy; bless the stockers and the shelvers who put all things in their place; bless the clerks who care for the customer and the cashiers who count their money; bless the baggers and the bakers and the butchers, too; bless the night crews and the day crews; and bless the managers who direct it all. Bless them with your hand of provision and protection. Bless them with your ministering angels in their long hours of need. Bless their families as well. May they know your care this day, this hour, this moment, as Living Water and Bread of Life, as God of Refuge and of Angel Armies as well. In your name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE LAND AT PLANTING

God of the Universe, you made the heavens and the earth, so we do not call our home merely “planet earth.” We call it your Creation, a Divine Mystery, a Gift from Your Most Blessed Hand. The world itself is your miracle. Bread and vegetables from earth are thus also from heaven. Help us to see in our daily bread your presence.

Upon this garden may your stars rain down their blessed dust.
 May you send rain and sunshine upon our garden and us.
 Grant us the humility to touch the humus,
 That we might become more human.
 That we might mend our rift from your Creation,
 That we might then know the sacredness of the gift of life—
 That we might truly experience life from the hand of God.
 For you planted humanity in a garden,
 and began our resurrection in a garden.
 Our blessed memory and hope lie in a garden.

Thanks be to God, who made the world teeming with variety,
 Of things on the earth, above, the earth, and under the earth.
 Thanks be to God, for the many kinds of plants, trees, and fruits,
 We celebrate. For the centipedes, ants, and worms, for the mice,
 marmots, and bats, for the cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers
 We rejoice, that we find ourselves eclipsed by the magnitude
 of generosity and mystery. Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**