



A Harvest Prayer

Creator God,
We thank you for the gift that is creation –
For the beauty of the earth and how
you have created us to care for it.
We are sorry for the ways we have neglected this,
Help us to work together to repair the world.

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Generous God,
We thank you for the gift of food –
For how it brings us together and nourishes us.
We pray for those without, whose harvests and
store cupboards are empty,
Help us work together to share the world's resources
so that everyone can be fed.

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Sustaining God,
We thank you for the gift of those who farm
and prepare our food –
For their labour, their innovation and their care.
We pray that everyone will be able to work with dignity,
that there will be no more poverty,
Help us work together to call for just and fair systems
of pay and working conditions.

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

All-powerful God,
We thank you for the gift that is creation –
For the beauty of the Earth and how
you have created us to care for it.
We are sorry for the ways we have neglected this,
Help us to work together to repair the world.

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Amen.

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A prayer for our neighbours

by Gideon Heugh

All-loving, ever-present God,

We pray for our neighbours –
for the people we know and love,
and for the people we have never met.

We pray for our neighbours –
for the people across the street,
and for the people on the other side of the world.

We pray for our neighbours –
for the people who look and sound like us,
and for the people who couldn't be more different.

We pray for our neighbours –
for everyone who is struggling,
for everyone who is being marginalised
and oppressed.

Help us, God, to be good neighbours –
to look outward instead of inward,
to follow Jesus' call to take action.

Amen.

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A prayer for the climate crisis

God of justice,

We lift up people around the world who are suffering the effects of the climate crisis. We think of those in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Mozambique and Central America who have recently faced deadly cyclones and floods.

We think of those in Burkina Faso, Brazil, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe who are facing prolonged droughts.

Lord, it is not fair that those who have done the least to cause this crisis are suffering.

Lord, please provide for them, protect them and give them hope for the future.

Lord, we ask that you bless churches and charities who are responding to this crisis; equip them and give them wisdom.

Lord, you ask us to work with you to protect our neighbours; please shake us out of ourselves, so that as the church we can stand up for those in need, raise awareness and call for change.

And Lord, when the issue feels too big or overwhelming, keep our eyes fixed on you who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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A prayer for our leaders

*You can use this prayer to pray for your local leaders (eg councillors)
or your national leaders (prime minister, MSPs, MLAs or MSs).*

Dear God,

We lift up ____ to you

We thank you for their leadership – especially in
these challenging times.

As they look ahead and make plans to build back better from
the coronavirus pandemic, reveal to them the devastation
that the climate crisis is causing for our global neighbours.
Lord, place justice and mercy on their hearts and minds.

Give them wisdom and boldness to inspire them to prioritise
the needs of people living in poverty – to not revert back to
the status quo. Lord, use their gifts and talents so they can
make a difference and enact laws that create a fairer world.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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