



A harvest thanksgiving prayer

Let us give thanks for the sharing of all God's gifts and ask for God's blessing upon our own harvest and upon the harvests of those far away. Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to offer, which human hands have tended and grown and reared.



All: Blessed be to God forever.

The Offering of Soil

Leader: We bring this top soil, a symbol of that which you have created and sun and rain have nurtured. You have laid the foundations of earth and the heavens are the work of your fingers. 'The earth yours and all that is in it',

All: The compass of the world and those that dwell therein.

The Offering of Seed

Leader We bring the harvest of seeds for next year's crops. You bring forth grass for the cattle and all things green for us to use. Farmers all over the world will plant seeds hoping to yield fruits of increase.

All Creator and Sustainer of all, bless all our seeds and grant to us an abundant harvest.

The Offering of Grain

Leader We bring the harvests of our corn and wheat fields. You give us grains for food and gifts like bread which we make with them. Help us not to forget that we cannot live by bread alone',

All But by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

The Offering of Animal Produce

Leader We bring the produce of our dairies. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle. You open wide your hand'

All And fill all things with your bounteous gifts.

The Offering of honey

Leader We bring the harvest of our hives. You guide the bees and bless those that keep them. Lord thank you for your sweet blessings,

All Sweeter than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

The Offering of Fruit

Leader We bring the harvest of apples and grapes. The tree bears her fruit and the vine yield their strength. You give food to all flesh



All you are good to us all the time and your mercy endures forever.



The Offering of herbs and vegetables

Leader We bring the harvest of herbs and vegetables. O Lord, you preserve both man and beast; how excellent is your mercy, O God.

All Your hands O Lord are beautiful, open and filled with good things. 'Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, you shine in glorious radiance'.

The Gifts of Resourcefulness

Leader We bring symbols of the machinery we use, thanking you for your gifts of knowledge and invention, enabling us to use more adequately the resources of nature. You give food to those who fear you. You remember your covenant forever.

All 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'. Those that keep your commandments are of good understanding.

The Offering of Bread

Leader In this loaf of bread we bring the harvest of our lands. For bread is the source of human strength and the fruit of human hands. To you our God, Creator, Redeemer, Judge, we offer back with thanksgiving that which you have given.

All Yours, O Lord our God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Leader Brothers and sisters, do not forget that the judgement of God is upon us, for any misuse of our stewardship, for any neglect of our land, for all waste and adulteration of our food, and for all injustice in its distribution that we can prevent.

With our thanksgiving, therefore, we ask pardon for all failures in our stewardship, and ask you O Lord our God to accept this loaf of daily bread, as a sign of our thankfulness, and of our desire to dedicate both our work and our lives to your obedience.

In the name of Jesus, the bread of life, we pray, Amen.

