

A Rite for the Blessing of A Garden

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Leader Blessed be the God of all creation:
All **For in your goodness you make all things new.**

Leader Let us pray.
Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following passages of scripture may be read:

[Psalm 104:25-37](#)

[Genesis 8:13-23](#)

[Deuteronomy 11:10-15](#)

[Leviticus 26:3-6, 11-13](#)

[Matthew 6:25-34](#)

The leader or others may speak of their plans and hopes for the garden, and may offer one or more of these optional prayers:

 Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. Amen.

 God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water. Bless the waters on the ground and under the ground, and the waters that fall from the sky, that this garden may flourish and bear good fruit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

 God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground:
Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and
early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground:
Protect what we plant and bring it to maturity, that we and others may
enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Sustainer. Amen.

*The Leader and people should engage in some act of care for the garden, such as watering, weeding,
planting, and then offer this concluding prayer:*

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold
them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth
may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**