

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. Genesis 8:22*

**“All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord for all his love.”**

Let's spend a moment to thank God for His provision. For placing us in a country of plenty, of good harvests, bountiful rain and sunshine. Let's thank Him for His season of harvest.

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for this season of harvest. Thank you for those who tend the ground to grow our food. We pray your blessing upon our farmers who so often struggle to make a living and all those involved in the preparing and selling of our food. Thank you for providing us with fruit and vegetables in a rainbow of colours, textures and tastes and for the variety and vastness of your creation. Thank you for supplying seeds, for heat and rain to make the plants grow and for giving us the promise of harvest time. In Jesus' Name. Amen

## WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

*There is a right time for everything ... A time to plant, a time to harvest. Ecclesiastes: 3:1-2*

*Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.*

Psalm 85:11-13

## WORDS FROM THE HYMN

**Come, you thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!  
Fruit and crops are gathered in  
now, before the storms begin:  
God our maker will provide  
for our needs to be supplied;  
come, with all his people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home!**

(Words: Henry Alford)

## REFLECTION AND PRAYER

As we thank the Lord for our harvest, let's pray for those who sadly go hungry; for all who serve in food banks across our land and for all who donate food so others may eat.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will give us listening ears and receptive hearts to give to others without counting the cost. Thank you for all who give their time working in the food

banks across our country. We pray your blessing upon them and all who will receive hope and help from their hands.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10*

Let's think about the seeds we sow daily through our words and actions. What kind of harvest can we expect? Let's ask the Lord to keep us faithful in sowing seeds of kindness and patience so that others may eat its fruit.

*“Be not deceived; God is not mocked:  
for whatsoever a man soweth,  
that shall he also reap”.* Galatians 6:7

## CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, how good and faithful you are to us! Through your faithfulness we have all that we need. We are thankful for your provision to us. We pray for countries where climate change may cause a poor harvest. We ask you to breakthrough in their distress, that they may flourish but also cause our ears to be open to their cries. Enable us to be aware of the seeds we are sowing daily by our words and acts of kindness that we may partake in a fruitful harvest in our own lives.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## BLESSING

May the Lord of the Harvest cause your heart  
and hands to always be open, may His sun  
shine upon you and His living waters refresh  
you so that you will be fruitful in every way  
and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and those  
you love this day and forevermore. Amen

## HYMN

We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine  
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food:  
accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts;  
and that which you most welcome,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

(Words: Matthias Claudius, Jane Campbell)

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sowing in the morning,  
Sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest,  
and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing,  
bringing in the sheaves.

(Author: Knowles Shaw )



# Harvest Thanksgiving

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