



# Pray together this Harvest

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## A Harvest Prayer

Creator God, you give life and light to the world.

We rejoice together in the wonder and the fullness of your creation.

We give thanks for small seeds that flourish into great trees and bear fruit in abundance.

We delight in the gifts of nature and the hope that a good harvest can bring.

Loving God, you know our sorrows and our failings.

We have cut down what was flourishing.

We have consumed and destroyed what was given to us to nurture.

We repent our wrongdoing and ask you to guide us in the ways of righteousness.

Living God, you call upon us to sow peace, grow faith, and tend to one another in love.

Plant in us a commitment to pursue that call.

Strengthen our hope as we seek together the coming of your kingdom on earth.

Amen.

## Prayer before a Meal

Lord God, the Earth is yours and all that is in it.

We give thanks for the food we share

and ask your blessing on those who grow, harvest and prepare it.

Forgive us when we fail to care for your world.

Inspire us to act for the good of our neighbours, especially those who do not have plentiful food.

Nourish us with your Spirit,

That we may be filled with energy to do your will.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

## Prayer for Hope

God of hope,

With you nothing is impossible.

Your promises endure,

Your Spirit sustains us.

Establish in us hope for your world;

Hope that moves us,

Like fire in our bones,

Like a shoot springing up from the soil,

Like an ever-flowing stream.

Nurture in us a vision for change.

Stir in us a desire for justice,

That our hope may become action,

That your will may be done.

Amen.



## Prayer of Penitence & Lament

Let us pray to the Lord, confessing our fears and failings.

The wild beasts wait with you in the desert.  
The trees clap their hands in praise of you.  
The creatures of the sea fulfil your word.  
*But we turn away from you.*

**Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.**

The earth is yours and all that is in it.  
You declared it good.  
In your hand is the life of every living thing.  
*But we treat the earth as our own possession.*

**Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.**

The land mourns.  
The stones cry out.  
Creation groans and suffers.  
*But we listen only to our own interests.*

**Gracious Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Silence may be kept as those present call to mind our need for forgiveness and our grief over the climate crisis.*

**Gracious Lord, Creator of all,  
Hear us and help us.  
Amen.**

## Prayer Points

Offer your own prayers in response to the following:

- Pray for farmers in South Sudan as they respond to the impacts of the climate crisis.
- Pray for further development in climate resilient ways of growing.
- Pray for communities experiencing flooding or drought.
- Pray for people who are undernourished that the world will act to stop this injustice.
- Pray for places where crops and livelihoods are under threat from the climate crisis.
- Pray for the growth of hope this harvest.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving & Sending

God we thank you for the gifts that spring forth all around us,  
Flowing from our fellowship,  
Growing from our actions in your name.  
Inspire us with your Spirit,  
Encourage us to seek new ways to stand up to injustice,  
And speak up for those in need.  
Send us out replenished,  
That we may do the work of your kingdom.  
We ask this in your name, Lord.  
Amen.



# Creative Prayer Ideas

## Field to Fork Prayer Chain

This simple prayer activity helps you trace the journey of your food from field to fork. You will need strips of paper, pens or pencils and glue sticks.

In advance of your gathering or service, choose some common food items and identify where they are grown. You could ask your community to do this by collecting labels showing countries of origin from their weekly shop.

Invite people to write on strips of paper a sentence expressing their hopes for those who grow our food in each country. Take a moment to hold that hope before God, praying aloud or in silence. Each person should now loop and glue together their strip to make the first link of a paper chain.

Continue this with more strips of paper, inviting those present to write down their hopes for:

- Those who transport food to the UK.
- Those who deliver food to warehouses and supermarkets within the UK.
- Staff at your local supermarket and food shops, as well as those who deliver food to our doors.
- Those who cook for us and share meals with us.

On the final strip of paper ask those gathered to express their hopes in the face of the problems affecting global food supplies. These include poverty, conflict, and the climate crisis. Pray together for action to end poverty, bring peace and tackle the climate emergency.

## Everything is Yours

Listen to Christian Aid's worship song 'Everything is Yours', created by Jake Isaac. You can listen on all major music apps or on the Christian Aid [website](#). Pray using lyrics from this song:

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof  
The sea and the stars all display who you are  
The air that I breathe and the ground I stand on  
With all that you give, I will honour you Lord  
Everything is yours.  
Everything is yours.  
With this life I live, I will honour you Lord.





## Praying for our neighbours: local and global



### Our local neighbours and ourselves

Pray for causes close to home, such as your local foodbank and people experiencing poverty in your community. Pray for yourself, your family and friends, that God may guide you as you take action for a more just world.



### Our global neighbours

Remembering our calling to love our neighbours as ourselves, pray for our global neighbours in places like South Sudan. Pray for those who are enduring the greatest impacts of the climate crisis. Pray for an end to hunger and food insecurity across the world.



### The earth, our home

Pray for the earth, the home of humanity and of all living creatures. Pray for those working to repair and heal the harm we have done to the natural world. Pray for those who work to develop environmentally sustainable farming techniques. Pray for action to protect natural habitats and cherish land, water, plants and animals.



### Local and global leaders

Pray for those who hold political and economic power. Pray that they would act to tackle food insecurity and the causes of the climate crisis. Pray for wise and just leadership in our communities, governments and institutions in the UK and around the world.

Pray for those excluded from power, that they will no longer be marginalised.

## A Harvest Meditation

The earth is fruitful; may we be generous.  
The earth is fragile; may we be gentle.  
The earth is fractured; may we be just.

Visit [caid.org.uk/pray](https://caid.org.uk/pray) for more ways to pray for climate justice.





## Washed Away, New Growth

For this activity you will need pencils, a large wide bowl filled with water, a seed, a pot, some compost, and some sheets of water soluble paper (available to purchase online; note that water soluble paper is different from rice paper).



In parts of the world like South Sudan, the climate crisis makes floods more likely and leads to greater areas of land becoming flood-prone.

This prayer activity offers a representation of the losses that the climate crisis leads to, as well as a sign of hope for change.

Cut your water soluble paper into small rectangles and ask those gathered to write on it a word or phrase of lament with their pencils. This could be a personal expression of sorrow or repentance or an expression of how they feel when they see extreme weather and environmental disasters happening around the world.

Invite each person to place their paper into the bowl of water. As the paper dissolves pray for all those whose homes, crops, livelihoods and hopes have been washed away or otherwise destroyed. Keep a moment of silence.

Now take your pot, fill it with compost and plant your seed. Water the pot from the bowl in which your paper has dissolved. Any remaining paper will biodegrade into the soil.

As you water the soil, pray for the restoration of what can be restored and for the healing of the earth. You may want to use one of the following passages:

Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
reap steadfast love;  
break up your fallow ground,  
for it is time to seek the Lord,  
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.  
(Hosea 10.12)

May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
(Psalm 126.5)



## The Restore Campaign

In many countries throughout the global south the climate crisis is colliding with the debt crisis - trapping people in poverty. We are called to join in God's work to restore creation, including the righting of unjust systems and repairing of harm.

The UK Government can play in key role in tackling unjust debts and making polluters pay for the climate crisis. Christian Aid's Restore Campaign invites you to pray with us and take action to tackle the dual injustices of the climate and debt crises.

You can find out more at [caid.org.uk/restore](http://caid.org.uk/restore)

Resources include a 7 day action pack for your church, a creative action guide, a petition, ways to engages your local political representatives, sermon notes and prayers.

## A Prayer for Restoration

God of Resurrection,  
By your power the cross of death became the tree of life.  
Help us to imagine a world where violent conflict becomes peaceful reconciliation,  
A world where hunger is satisfied and thirst quenched.  
Inspire us to break down barriers and remake them into bridges.  
Send us to mend and repair what we have damaged.  
Guide us towards a future where the leaves of the tree heal all the nations.  
In this time of inequality and division, unite us in hope  
That we may work for the flourishing of creation  
And for fullness of life for all people.  
To the glory and praise of your Almighty name,  
**Amen.**





## Season of Creation Prayer 2026

*Christian Aid is one of the sponsors of **Season of Creation**, an ecumenical partnership that provides resources to empower Christians in responding to the global environmental crisis. Churches mark the Season of Creation during September and early October. You can find out more at [seasonofcreation.org](https://seasonofcreation.org)*

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,  
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures.

We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.

We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.

We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee.

Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.

Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty.

May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert.

May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.

And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**Amen.**