

# Litany of Thanks and for Peace

For the rain and sun and insects to pollinate crops;  
for farmers who work with nature and preserve the beauty and diversity of God's creation;  
and for wild creatures which enjoy the harvest of berries, nuts, grains and seeds.

All: *We give thanks, O God.*

For the soil, rich and precious, home to countless living creatures which maintain fertility and give us food and life.

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For growing awareness that we all depend on the Earth for our daily food and fuel;  
and for the increasing numbers of people who want to eat local food and have closer links with farmers.

All: *We give thanks, O God.*

For wisdom to live in ways that will slow down climate change and keep the rains falling in their due season.

All: *O Lord, hear our prayer.*

For caution in manipulating the building blocks of life  
in transferring genes between species.

All: *O Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bring peace to the killing fields of war.  
Turn scorched earth to green,  
so that people can sow their seeds and harvest their crops and live in harmony with their neighbours.

All: *Lord, send forth your Spirit.*

Bring justice to those crushed by debt, forced to grow cash crops for us to consume,  
tempted to waste fertile land growing drugs and tobacco  
and denied access to land for growing their own food.

All: *Lord, send forth your Spirit.*

Send us out into the world, in service to God's creatures,  
as disciples of Jesus who blessed bread and wine at the Last Supper –  
bread which Earth has given and human hands have made,  
and wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

All: *Lord, send forth your Spirit.*