

A litany of thankfulness and prayers for those in need

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and all that lives in it.

All: Thanks be to God.

All the animals of the forest are the Lord's and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord makes grass to grow for the cattle and plants for us to cultivate.

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord brings forth food from the earth, wine that gladdens our hearts, oils to make our faces shine, bread that sustains our bodies.

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord makes the rain and springs that pour water into the valleys.

All: Thanks be to God

The birds of the air nest by the waters, they sing among the branches.

All: Thanks be to God

For all who cooperate and collaborate with God to bring food to our tables, for farmers, growers, packers and processors, for breeders, stock people, shepherds and dairy-farmers.

All: Thanks be to God

For distributors, hauliers, retailers and stall-holders, for chefs, cooks and entrepreneurs.

All: Thanks be to God

We pray for all through whom we receive substance and life; for all farming families who work so hard, often in adverse conditions, to provide our food and look after our countryside; for packers, processors, distributors and retailers.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray especially for those who are struggling with their health—physical or mental. May they find the help, support and strength they need

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord God, help us to recognise the difference between satisfaction and complacency, being content and being comfortable.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves and our world leaders. May we always be aware that all good things come from you and are to be shared.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to injustice in world trade, for fair prices for farmers in our land and across the globe.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

May our expressions of gratitude to you never deafen us to the cries of those in need. And in celebrating your love may we never forget that your love reaches others through us.

All: Amen