

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest in all things material and spiritual, responding to “Lord of the harvest” with “in your mercy, hear us.”

As you have blessed the Church with abundant grace, keep her faithful in the offering of word and sacrament, knowing that all things come from you and return to you; send out your labourers to gather the harvest of the world, that all may know the riches of your love.

Lord of the harvest ... **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all who work that others may be fed, for those who bring in the harvest of the land and the waters; we pray for those employed in the processing and transport of food; grant a more just distribution of the goods of the world.

Lord of the harvest ... **in your mercy, hear us.**

Give to us, our families and friends, grateful hearts for all your bounty and a concern for the needs of others; bless those who work to bring meals to the poor and infirm in this community.

Lord of the harvest ... **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all who are hungry and undernourished; we pray especially for the children whose health is damaged by lack of food; bless those who work for the relief of famine.

Lord of the harvest ... **in your mercy, hear us.**

We give thanks for the departed who have been gathered into your eternal care; grant them the joy of faith brought to fruition in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord of the harvest ... **in your mercy, hear us.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labour by sharing our toil. Be with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and to all of us, give pride in what we do and a just return for our labour; we offer these and all our prayers through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.