

Rogation Service for Home Gardens

For the Right Use of God's Gifts

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all the benefits of the LORD,
- 3 Who forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *

and judgment for all who are oppressed.

- 7 To Moses were made known God's ways *
and to the children of Israel the works of the LORD.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD will not always accuse us, *
nor remain angry for ever.
- 10 The LORD has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is the LORD's mercy great upon the God-fearing.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has the LORD removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for the God-fearing.
- 14 For the LORD knows whereof we are made; *
and remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever
on the God-fearing, *
and the righteousness of the LORD on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep the holy covenant *

and remember the commandments and do them.

- 19 The LORD has set up a throne in heaven, *
and the sovereignty of the LORD has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you holy angels,
you mighty ones who do God's bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of God's word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you holy hosts, *
you holy ministers who do God's will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of God,
in all places of God's dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

A litany of Praise and Petition: *(This Litany may be repeated at each planting site)*

Almighty God, give us a reverence for the Earth you have created and given into our care. We offer thanks for the gift of food for our nurturance and for the benefit of all your creatures. Help us, even as we receive from your bounty, to be stewards of the earth for all people and for all your creatures.

That it may please thee to grant favorable weather,
temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food
and drink for all thy creatures,
We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless the lands and waters, and all
who work upon them to bring forth food and all things
needful for thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please thee to look with favor upon all who care
for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of thy

creation may abound from age to age,
We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon this garden and grant that it may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**