

## April: The Blessing of Seed and Rain

Our health and our lives depend on the sprouting of seeds and water to ensure their growth. Through the nurturing of seeds, then harvesting and eating of their produce, we receive God's choicest blessings. Saving some of the new seeds allows us to continue this miraculous cycle each year.

Just as seeds cannot grow without water, so the cycle of rain blesses us, and allows the water to be replenished in the ground. From the beginning, You called us to the honored task of being workers in your garden. Let us seek God's guidance in planting seeds of love in our lives that will grow through the years into living words of your Son.

**Let us pray.** Loving God, the Spirit of Life hovered over the waters and began the great work of creation. Bless the waters of this earth. Let them fall again from the sky at the proper times so that our gardens and fields may yield abundantly, and all growing things may thrive. Bless also the seed, pregnant with life. Let them show us the Easter mystery of new life coming from death and burial. May they burst forth soon with verdant growth from earth, rain, and sun. Through the rain and these seeds, bring us to a new awareness of your presence in and around us, as we joyfully live in the knowledge of eternal resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**