

June ~ Blessing of the Land

Land and life go hand in hand. Our daily bread comes from land as well as much else that sustains us. The land is beautiful for its mountains and plains; its beauty resounds in the canyons and draws. Its goodness thrives in the forests and fields; every plant emerges from it.

Do we take for granted how precious and fragile the land is? How grateful we should be! Only in rich soil do roots grow deep; if we deplete the soil, we risk everything. Our lives and the great variety of life on the earth depend upon the land and its vitality.

Let us thank God the Creator: He shares this land with us as a promise of His goodness, now and for eternity.

Opening Prayer

Loving Creator, show us how to be good stewards of the land; give your blessing on every part of it — the soil, waterways and landscape. Together these contain the elements of life entrusted by You to our care.

Remind us of your constant love. Bless us with favorable weather, abundant crops and a vigorous community of life around us in all directions: East, West, North and South.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.