

Opening prayers

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays
A. WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss
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God of harvest, gardener supreme,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and, having provided for us,
look to a different harvest.
A fruitfulness of lives in service to you and others.

God of harvest,
feed us,
prune us,
harvest us,
that our lives
might bring glory to you.

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you.

Amen

Hear now the Good News – to all who truly repent Jesus says; “Your sins are forgiven” He also says; “Take up your cross and follow me.”
Thanks be to God.
Amen

Prayer of intercession

God whose love connects us all we bring our concerns for people and the world:

Bless those who are peacemakers,
From all creeds and cultures,
All who bring no other agenda
Than to see neighbour and stranger
Live together as one community.

A: Bless the peacemakers

B: Strengthen and bless them

Bless those who are comforters,
Shoulders to cry upon,
A willing ear to listen,
A present help in times ,
Of despair and hopelessness.

A: Bless the comforters

B: Strengthen and bless them

Bless those who are healers
Of physical injury,
And deeper hurts,
Whose touch brings relief
From trauma and pain ,
Who brings compassion.

A: Bless the healers

B: Strengthen and bless them

Bless all those who are close to us and known by us
who are struggling today, who seek wholeness and healing.
Draw near to them in their need.

A: Bless the broken

B. Strengthen and bless them

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