

Prayer for the Harvest

Father of all Creation. We pray for our food and all who work on the land where our food comes from. We go to our shops and buy what we need and may read the label that tell us where that produce was grown. It is a long time since we knew and expected it to be grown locally as food distribution is now on a global scale and it is often price that determines where it has come from. It may be that a local farmer has given up as they cannot compete with the cheap labour of another country and, even with the costs of transporting that item across the world, it is still cheaper that something grown by a farmer a few miles away. We pray that those people who are struggling to cut their costs to compete will find alternatives to what they have been used to doing.

Tractors go by late at night with trailers full of grain; the produce of a field nearby intended to make our daily bread. We pray for those who do this work and the investment they have to make in machinery to make the process efficient. We remember how horses and men would work in the fields but now one man under the glare of tractor headlights can do the work required in a very short time.

We do not know of the circumstances of people working to send us produce from faraway places but we pray that their reward will be sufficient to bring them happy productive lives; that their children may go to school and create a good life for themselves.

Each of us chose a life to give us what we need for our advancement, not in this world but in the one we will return to when our harvest is done. Our tools are Love, Compassion and Understanding and if we can send out Love to those who supply our food; their lives and where they live, we will be sending Love back to the Great Spirit, the source of the energy that all things come from.

Amen.