

LITANY
Teach Us and Show Us the Way

VOICE ONE //

We call upon You, God of earth and sky, God of the waters that flow in our rivers and streams, and that fall upon our gardens and fields

ALL // Teach us and show us the way.

VOICE ONE // We call upon You, God of the land that grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant seeds and gardens and orchards

ALL // Teach us and show us the way.

VOICE ONE // We call upon You, God of the forests, with their great trees reaching strongly to the sky, with earth at their roots and the heavens in their branches

ALL // Teach us and show us the way.

VOICE ONE // We call upon You, God of the creatures of fields, forests, and seas, the wolves and deer, the eagle and the dove, the great whales and the dolphin, and all living things

ALL // Teach us and show us the way.

VOICE TWO // For the rain and sun and insects to pollinate crops; for farmers who work with nature and preserve the beauty and diversity of God's creation

ALL // We give thanks, O God.

VOICE TWO // For the soil, rich and precious, home to countless living creatures that provide our food

ALL // We give thanks, O God.

VOICE THREE // For wisdom to live in ways that will acknowledge our dependence on the earth for our daily food and fuel, and for caution in manipulating the building blocks of life, we pray to you:

ALL // O God, hear our prayer.

VOICE THREE // For those people who labour on this earth to produce food for themselves and for the world; for the landless and those whose lands are mired in conflict or degraded by drought; for the rich and the poor, the hungry and the overfed, we pray to you:

ALL // O God, hear our prayer.

VOICE TWO // Send us out into the world, in service to God's creatures, as disciples of Jesus who blessed bread and wine at the Last Supper – bread which Earth has given and human hands have made, and wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. We are your hands and feet.

ALL // God, send forth your Spirit. Amen

(adapted from prayers in We Dare to Say: Praying for Justice and Peace, Novalis)