PRAYER FOR PLANTING

On a suitable day in spring, prayers may be offered for planting. A bible service may be celebrated on any day to pray for good harvests. Suitable readings include Is 55: 6, 9-13; 2 Cor. 9: 6-15; Mk. 4: 1-9, 13-20.

Blessing of seed
Eternal Father,
maker of heaven and earth,
we bless you and give you glory.
Bless this seed, and make it fruitful.
Look upon our work this season,
and grant that the seeds we plant
will produce plentiful crops,
providing food and work for many.
In your love, give us favorable weather
throughout this growing season.
Make us truly grateful for all our gifts,
and willing to share our goods and talents with others,
especially those without adequate food.
All praise and glory are yours, almighty Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
In the unity of the Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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