

Worship for Rogation Sunday



Out on your daily walk, in your garden or from your chair.

Opening Prayer

You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation, for the
weak and the deprived.

Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given, with one another and with
the poor of the world. **Amen**

Psalm 23

King James Version (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me
beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Section A Water

If you come across a stream, the sea, a garden pause and reflect on the gift of water

John 7:37-38 may be read

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."'"

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. May we who have an abundance of water see it as a precious and scarce resource.

Help us to be mindful how much is consumed so that we can live in the way that we do: guide us to use it sparingly, and keep us mindful of those who suffer through drought, pollution and flood. We ask this for the sake of him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Section B – Crops or Garden

If you come across a garden, some fields or any plants, pause and reflect.

Mark 4:26-29

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Prayer

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and sea should bear fruit in due season, bless the labours of all those who work on land and sea. Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your care.

Lord you have ordered our life that we are dependent on one another prosper those engaged in commerce direct our minds and hands in the service of you and all with whom we live and work. Grant O Lord that whatever gifts we have, they may be used to the full, for the enrichment of our lives together and for the coming of your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

Section C - Overlooking the countryside

As you look at the beauty of God's world, celebrate the wonders of creation

Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11

The Almighty God, the LORD, speaks; he calls to the whole earth from east to west. God shines from Zion, the city perfect in its beauty. All the animals in the forest are mine and the cattle on thousands of hills. All the wild birds are mine and all living things in the fields.

Prayer

Creator God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless, O Lord, the houses and farms and all the homes in this place.

Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things. We pray in the name of Jesus, creative Word of God. **Amen.**

Section C For the community overlooking our villages

John 15:1-9

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch

cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Prayer

God our father, we give thanks for the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was content to share the life of his village in Nazareth. We ask you to bless the life of our parishes. We pray for all who live in this place, for all who work here, for all who regard this place as home and for all who simply pass through. May your blessing rest upon us all as we live together in your peace.

We pray in the name of Jesus our peace.

Amen.

Section D - A doctor's surgery, pharmacy, care home or hospital

Mark 6.53-56

When they had crossed over, Jesus and his disciples came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Prayer

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Section E Intercessions

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed. Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.
Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve
the seas, lakes and rivers. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched
and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal,
and compel us to be generous. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or
isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:
A moment of silence as we pray for the world.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and
shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health: We give you thanks for our frontline workers.

A moment of silence.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace: Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We give you thanks for all your goodness and loving
kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

May we show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in
our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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