

Farming Communities: Prayers of Intercession

Rural and urban Australians experience the land and environmental issues from different perspectives. These intercessions approach land use from the farmers' and country townspeople's perspective. Some or all of these petitions may be included and adapted in an appropriate sequence for the local context.

For people who love the land and care for it well,
making farming sustainable for future generations:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For crop growers and livestock breeders,
taking risks to grow food for a hungry world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For rural and regional networks, sharing information
to overcome loneliness and isolation for those on the land.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For strategists, planners, policy makers and advisors,
offering new ways to grow food and care for the land in changing times.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For reasonable weather, good growth and good yields,
so that there may be abundant harvests to feed hungry people,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For safe work practices and healthy habits for all farmers,
so that people and communities may flourish and be strong,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For health and happiness in the home life of all farmers,
and for families to work together with love, respect and harmony,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For wise financial planning, land care and asset management,
so that farmers may be confident about the future of their farms,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For good communication between country and city,
so that we may understand each other's worlds and encourage one another,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For strong and growing initiative and energy in country towns,
so that farmers may share in life-giving communities,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who despair in hard times,
that they may be helped and supported by caring services and friends,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Christians who gather for worship, study and prayer,
that their faith may create and sustain community,
Lord, hear our prayer.

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