

## **Prayers of Intercession at Harvest Time**

### **Introduction**

Almighty and everlasting God, creator of all that is seen and unseen, of all we can understand and all that is yet to be revealed. You have placed us in a universe with breathtaking splendour and with an ability to constantly surprise and amaze us; and so hear us as we humbly come before you to seek your help and guidance in our lives. We come to you in simple trust and, as Jesus taught us, in the certain knowledge that you are our heavenly father and will listen to the prayers of us, your children.

1. At this special thanksgiving time of the year we pray for all who work so that we have food to eat and share. Lord bless all who labour to satisfy our needs and we pray that all trade between peoples may be done openly and fairly and with due regard for the environment and for human dignity. Lord hear us.
2. We pray now for areas of our world where hatred and wars make the efforts of daily life even more difficult. May all hear and respond to the words of Jesus, who spoke of peacemakers being blessed and of treating our neighbours as ourselves. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for this, our own country and for all in authority, that they will govern wisely and with due regard for the needs of all people Lord hear us.
4. We pray for all families represented here today. Each one is made up differently and faces the normal ups and downs of family life in different ways. We are especially mindful of families who are deeply effected by the current economic situation, where there is unemployment or fear for the future. We pray that each family finds a place in it for the love of Jesus Christ and that special peace which it brings. Lord hear us
5. We pray for the sick, both at home and in hospital, or hospice. We think of the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes. And we pray for all who minister to their needs. Lord Jesus who responded to the needs of all those who had faith; comfort and sustain those who are in need of your grace at this time. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, whether recently or long ago. Let the knowledge of your resurrection in glory be comfort to all those who mourn. Lord hear us.

### **Conclusion**

God of the Harvest, we thank you and praise your name for your creating, loving power. Give us insight to see your hand at work in our lives and enable us to taste the goodness which comes from knowing you in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen