

Loving God, We pray for the farming community as they continue to work hard to bring us food. Bless them as they sow crops and care for livestock. Surround them with your love so they may know they are cared for and valued. Help us to be thankful for the food they produce and not to waste it.

Loving God, in the resources of the earth you have given us riches for all humanity. We pray for all who are involved in harvesting those resources, in agriculture and horticulture, forestry, mining and fisheries. Their work is often dangerous and, for some, beset with uncertainty through weather, pest and disease. We pray for those whose livelihoods have been ruined by disease, by falling prices, and by the shortcomings of disaster management. Help us to enable them to reflect on their future and chart their course with confidence. May they be set free from bitterness and anger. May they know that the community they have sought to serve stands alongside them in their need.

We thank you, Father, for the rich variety of our food, from many parts of the world. We thank you for the enjoyment and pleasure we find in sharing food in celebration and fellowship. We pray for those who grow, prepare and distribute the food we eat. As they try to achieve the impossible, grant to them a sense of their part in the poise and balance of all life. May they be vigilant for our safety, and for the quality of what they produce.

We remember especially those who take part in the global trade in foodstuffs, linking producers with consumers the world over. We hold before you those who buy, often in ignorance of the hardships facing those who produce. We hold before you those who produce, often receiving scant reward for their labour and their investment in land and equipment. We give you thanks for all who have sought to remind us of our complicity in world poverty and who have shown us the steps we can take to act justly. Bless their work of peace-making through justice.

The bible says in Isaiah 30: 23 “He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows”

May the Lord grant **Garelec** a chance to show the local community how to grow health foods naturally and increase their produce and stay health in body and mind.

Bless us, O God, Most of the time we always desire, a perfect situation, a perfect environment, a perfect job, and a perfect life, Yet you, our Lord do not grant perfection. What you gave instead is a perfect heart in the midst of an imperfect life to trainers of agricultural life. As we in **Garelec** train and teach the extension workers, farmers and all classes of local community, Oh Lord, teach us to be contented, to be thankful, and to be cheerful and smiling amidst imperfections. Teach us to share to our constituents what we received from you as we enjoy your wondrous blessings, every moment, every day. **Amen**