

October 9, 2020 Daily Church Email

From "Prayers for the Domestic Church"

Lord and Bountiful Creator,
giver of grains and seeds, of fruits and berries
and all that grows from the earth,
we thank you and bless you for this year's harvest.
We lift up our hearts in gratitude for the sun,
which, together with rain, wind and earth,
work in harmony to produce this bountiful harvest.

We are grateful to all those
who labor in--together with--the earth
so that this harvest time might come to fullness.
Lord, as your son, Jesus, knew: harvest is hard work!
Yet, it is also richly rewarding
to see the fruit of our labor,
to take pride in this completed work.

We thank you, our Lord and God,
for your protection and care in this season.
We bless you for the weather given to us for our work.
This harvest, Lord, was not without its difficulties;
no harvest is,
but we rejoice that those times of trouble
did not prevent us from the completion of this task.
The sun smiled on us the wind cooled us
and the earth laughed as we tickled her skin,
collecting the fruit of this harvest,

Come, Lord of the Harvest, Lord of Rejoicing,
come and join us in our festive celebration.
May our joy at this harvest
be a taste of the joy we shall share
when we celebrate the final harvest of heaven,
that day of days when all that you have begun
will be matured to completion.
Blessed are you, Lord our God,
who has given to us this harvest.
Amen.

Have a blessed day in Christ,
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