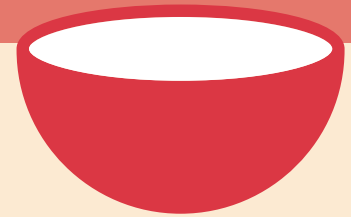




The Abundant Life Garden Project®

Litany of Thanks for Soil



Ask children to sit in a circle. The leader should also sit in the circle with the children if at all possible. Place the large bowl of clean, fresh water in the middle of your circle.

(If you have an older child who would like to help consider allowing them to lead.)

Introduction

Leader: Now, I will read several prayers about seeds. Since seeds are such an important gift, please respond to each of these prayers with “We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.” (The leader might ask children to practice “We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds” before continuing.)

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Children and helpers: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Lord, creator of all things, we thank you for the gift of this time together, and for the abundant gift of all varieties of seeds. Bless us in this time together, and bless those in need of seeds to grow food to feed themselves and others. **In Christ name, Amen.**

Litany begins

Leader: We share this time to remember that is it through the gift of the awesome variety of seeds, providing and continuing life, that we have life on earth.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.

Leader: We thank you for the creation of plant life on earth, to give us food, to give us shelter, to give us clothing and to give us shade, pleasure, and beauty.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.

Leader: We thank you for wind, rain and animals, and for people to send seeds to new lands, to new gardens and to those who need them to provide new sources of food and sustenance.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.

Leader: We thank you for the cycle of life, leaving seeds dormant until they might grow and flourish in favorable conditions.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.

Leader: We thank you for the mystery of seed growth, taking place underground, buried and in the dark, then springing forth in new life.

Children and helpers: **We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.**

Leader: We thank you for the stories of seeds told by Jesus, helping us to understand the Kingdom of Heaven.

Children and helpers: **We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.**

Leader: We thank you for the spreading of these stories, like seeds blown by the wind, to those who seek to understand you.

Children and helpers: **We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.**

Leader: We thank you for all the seeds of growth and life in our lives, helping to begin the cycle of growth and of life in ourselves and others.

Children and helpers: **We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds.**

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to participate in the sharing and spreading of seeds of hope, of life and of nourishment so that we may seek to serve others in You. **In Christ's name, Amen.**

