



The Abundant Life Garden Project®

Litany of Thanks for the Harvest

Ask children to sit in a circle. The leader should also sit in the circle with the children if at all possible. Place large bowl of fresh fruits and vegetables in the middle of your circle. (If you have an older child who would like to help consider allowing them to lead.)



Introduction

Leader: I will read several prayers celebrating the harvest of food we eat. Since all food and other gifts are ultimately from God, please respond to each of these prayers with, “We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.” (The leader might ask children to practice “We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts” before continuing.)

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Children and helpers: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for this time together to learn and pray and give gifts. We ask you to bless the harvest of the fruits of our work together and help us always to give to the hungry, the thirsty and the strangers among us. **In Christ name, Amen.**

Litany begins

Leader: We We thank you, Lord, for the gift of water to drink, to use in cooking, to enrich our soil and to provide transportation for us.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.



Leader: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of seeds to eat and to grow more fruits and vegetables. We thank you for gifts of seed money as well, to start new businesses and improve life for others.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.

Leader: We thank you for the gift of soil to nurture new growth of plants and animals. We thank you for the soil upon which we build our homes and workplaces and enjoy Your creation.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.





Leader: We thank you for the gift of animals that give us milk to drink and protein to eat. We thank you for animals that pull plows and help us with our work. We thank you for animals that fertilize our farms and gardens and make our soil richer.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to always make wise use of all these gifts. Bless those who till the soil, tend farm animals and grow food needed by all people on this earth. We thank you for the ability to help those in need of seeds and supplies to feed themselves and others.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.

Leader: Help us also, Lord, to be workers in your heavenly kingdom, tending your gardens of life to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the lost and those in need of any kind, so that they might have abundant life. Thank you for our own fruits of the spirit that you have given each of us.

Children and helpers: We thank you, Lord, for these harvest gifts.



Leader: Give us strength and courage, energy and enthusiasm, O Lord, to seek and serve Christ in others, doing so with justice and in peace. **In Christ's name, Amen.**



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