

Episcopal Relief & Development **Prayers to accompany an Advent Gifts for Life Campaign**

Animals & Agriculture

For farm animals and game.



Life-giving God, we thank you for your bounteous gifts of creation, especially for the many animals that help sustain our lives. For animals that lay eggs, produce milk and honey, and for those who help us in our toil, we thank you Lord. Keep us ever mindful, Creator God, of the birds of the air, and fish of the seas, and every animal of the land that we consume for our own betterment, that we may truly appreciate that they share with us in your created order. We ask this in the name of the one who is known to us as a Lamb, a Fish, and a Mother Hen; your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Agriculture (BCP, p. 824)

For the Harvest of Lands and Waters (BCP, p. 828)

For the work to alleviate hunger

Most merciful God, we remember before you all who go without nutritious food and clean water, and those who make due with less than their share. Help us to provide for them from your abundant creation, and guide us so that our gifts might be sustainable throughout generations. Grant this, dear God, for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave thanks to you, broke bread, and shared with all who were hungry. *Amen.*



For Stewardship of Creation (BCP p. 259)

For the Conservation of Natural Resources (BCP p. 827)

For Joy in God's Creation (BCP p. 814)

Economic Empowerment

For Strengthening Communities

Dear God, the source of our hope: help us build up the lives of individuals, families and communities by sharing our abundance of time, talent and treasure. Help us to strengthen the communities we serve, so that they might know a sustaining prosperity; and that they, too, might grow to share from their abundance. All of this we ask, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our strength and our redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Self-Dedication (BCP, p. 832)

For the Poor and the Neglected (BCP, p. 826)



Wellness & Resilience

For Healthy Practices

Lord, our Strength and Redeemer: guide us, we pray, to provide others with the tools they need for healthy living. Sustain us as we care for infants and the most vulnerable; help us to teach good nutrition and health practices; and help us to prepare others to lead their own communities into healthful living. All these things we ask in the name of the one we seek in all persons, your son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



A Blessing for Healers (National Episcopal Health Ministries, www.episcopalhealthministries.org)
Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Sick (BCP, p. 260)

Early Childhood Development

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

