

Wednesday 18th November 2020

Give us today our daily bread

Today we give thanks for God's provision and protection and we pray for all those working to supply our practical needs and produce our food.



We pray firstly for our farmers. 2020 has been a particularly difficult year beginning with floods, followed by drought; lack of pickers affecting the asparagus and fruit farmers; yields down up to 30% in this year's harvest. We pray:

- For farmers who are facing financial difficulties as a result of the above
- For those who are suffering mental (or physical) health issues
- For the winter crops and weather conditions to grow and mature them
- For families and relationships within the farming communities
- For rural and agricultural chaplains, rural churches and communities as they minister, encourage, pray and offer hope. For a turning to God.

"May the Lord send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. May he grant you abundant prosperity in the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground. May the Lord open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands." (Based on verses from Deuteronomy 28)



We also pray for others who are involved in the food chain:

- For supermarkets, farm shops, butchers, bakers and other producers and retailers
- For milkmen, and other delivery drivers
- For those who work in food production factories

We are aware that many are hungry and struggling to feed their families. We pray for them and also pray and give thanks for:

- Local food banks, pop up shops, the Teapot project and other initiatives
- For the school meals so essential for some children's welfare



How can we help?

In Matthew 25 Jesus speaks of the time when He will return in all His glory as King:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...'"



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