



Bible readings and prayers for your Harvest Celebration

Readings

Story of the good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

Good news for the oppressed Isaiah 61:1-7

Jesus feeds four thousand Matthew 15:32-39

Prayers

Lord, we thank you for harvest time.

We thank you for the food that grows in our fields. We thank you for the rain and the sun. We thank you for the farmers who work on the land, who sow and till and reap, and for the results of their labours that we all enjoy.

Please help us never to take the food that we have for granted, but always to thank you for providing it for us. Especially at harvest we rejoice at your abundant provision, and for all the blessings that you pour upon us.

We thank you too that as we receive, so we can give, passing on your blessings in a chain of giving that stretches around the globe.

Amen.

Lord, we bring before you the people of Africa who are in such great need. You know the troubles they face – of drought, of hunger, and of fear about the future. You hear their prayers, as they call to you for help.

Lord help us to be part of your answer to their prayers.
Join us together with them this day so we are truly their neighbours,
helping them at their time of need.

Please bring them the help that they so desperately need, so that they can live their lives in newness of hope, and with a future that is filled with your blessings.

We ask you this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Lord, we pray for organisations like Send a Cow who provide real help to people in Africa so that their lives can be transformed.

Please lead them to the people who need most help.
Please give them wisdom and skill as they teach and train.
Please help them to open up doors for your transforming love to spread into villages and homes.

Encourage the people they help to go on and help others in turn, so that more and more are released from hunger and poverty and can look forward to a future of freedom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



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