

A Blessing of the Land

This blessing is adaptable for use on farmland and gardens. Using holy water, blessed at Sunday Mass, the following prayers may be recited over the place to be blessed.



We pray together

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Yours is the land, sea and sky.

All: O God, Creator of all, hear our prayer.

Leader: You have given us the earth for our home.

All: O God, Creator of all, hear our prayer.

Leader: May we all share in your gift of the earth.

All: O God, Creator of all, hear our prayer.

Psalm

Ps 65:8–10

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. *All: Amen.*

Blessing with water

Leader: As we scatter this water, we are mindful of how precious Mother Earth is. The gift that we have been given and the responsibility we have to protect our common home.

Lord Jesus, with faith in you, we seek your blessing. Protect our family, home, and land from all harm and keep us safe in mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

(Prayer adapted from Kildare and Leighlin Diocese)

Final Prayer

Leader: O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth.

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home.

Praise be to you. *All: Amen.*

Let us go from this place acting in love and justice for all. *All: Amen.*

Let us go forth to be lights of the world caring for our of creation. *All: Amen.*

Let us Bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Source: Adapted from a Trócaire Resource)



*As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night will never cease*

(Gen 8:22)

