

"For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food"
Petitions for Farmers, Farmworkers, Food and Rural Life*
(one each for six weekends)



Response by the people following each blessing:

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Lord hear our prayer

For our country's farmers: that God may grant them courage and wisdom in their efforts to preserve America's rural way of life.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

For our country's farmers: that their bountiful harvests be shared equitably to feed the hungry throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

For our country's farmers: that our elected officials enact policies protecting rural America and the independent farmer.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

For America's forgotten farmers: that we are always mindful of the migrant farm laborers and their struggle for justice and dignity.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

For our country's farmers: that they always serve as wise stewards of our natural resources.

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

For America's forgotten farmworkers

We pray to the Lord... **Lord hear our prayer**

Dear God our Creator: May we always view rural life as a precious gift from you. Bless the men and women whom you have called to a vocation in farming; keep us ever mindful of their struggles. And grant us your grace that we may all serve as faithful stewards of the land you have entrusted to humanity. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen

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