

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Sacred Word, take root in us, and in your bounty: **hear our prayer***

Open our senses to the healing parables embedded in the earth.

As we engage with summer days, winter storms, wild creatures, and garden plots, plant your wisdom in our souls.

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We pray for a world where earth's bounty is trampled by short sightedness, where words of peace fall on the hard ground of distrust and prejudice, where communal health is choked by self-interest.

In seasons of distress, sow seeds of hope in our hearts.

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We give thanks for the re-telling of your parables across time and for all who celebrate your word and sacraments.

Grant us a lasting and fertile understanding, so your love might spring from us.

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We pray for those made vulnerable by ill-health, pain, grief, and heartache clear the rocks and thorns that inhibit our lives so each one of us can grow and thrive.

We give thanks for our loved ones who have passed, and for the fruits of their lives.

May the ground of every soul be made rich and deep, so we might fulfil our latent promise.

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Amen