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Prayer for a Garden

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Blessing Prayer for a Garden

Lord of Creation,
who planted Your own garden called Eden,
come and bless this soil
which is to be our garden.

All that dies becomes earth,
and so it lives again.

May this garden soil
be both womb and tomb,
a home for death and life,
so that seeds of living things?
of plants, of food and flowers?
may die and resurrect
here in our garden.

Ancient earth,
our mystical mother,
teach us, your children,

that all things die
to nourish life.

Gentle earth,
be blessed with our love
as we work in you.

Make us mindful that one day
you will be our final bed
of love and ecstasy.
Amen

The garden may be sprinkled with water, and a simple cross of sticks or some other religious symbol may be placed in the soil.

From *Prayers for the Domestic Church* by Ed Hays

The Seed Sowing Psalm

Divine Mystery, assist me
to be a wise gardener,
who, with great care, will sow
only goood seeds this day,
those deeds and attitutdes
that truly will give you glory.

If by habit, sloth or accident,
I might sow an evil seed,
in haste, before it takes root,
may I pluck it up at once,
lest it grow an evil harvest.

Every word, deed and hidden thought
is a seed whose DNA insures
a fruit unfolding to ripe maturity
that someday will be
my life-harvest returned to me.

May it be, O Holy One, a harvest of Life.

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Prayer action suggestion:
Plant a seed in a garden or a flower pot. Nurture it as it grows.
Tread lightly on the earth so that future seeds have an earth.

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