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## Prayer for a Garden

by Ed Hays

### **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 good seeds this day,  
those deeds and attitudes  
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.

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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.

From *Psalms for Zero Gravity* by Ed Hays

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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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