



At Seedtime: Celebrating a Day of Prayer

Thursday, February 19, 2026

As the year begins, we look towards the growing season and are reminded of God's love for all creation. The liturgical calendar of Kansas City-St. Joseph includes a Day of Prayer for the Blessing of Seeds, a microcosm of all life: "At Seedtime".

In 2026, Seedtime will be celebrated on Thursday, February 19, the day after Ash Wednesday. In the tradition of Ember and Rogation Days, we the church seek God's protection on fields, gardens, and crops. We also seek God's blessing on gardeners, farmers, and all growers.

The Blessing Service on the reverse side was taken from liturgical sources such as the *Book of Blessings*, as well as *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*. It can be used on any suitable day later in the planting season.

The Blessing Service can be used in parish formation efforts with children or youth for sacramental preparation, in households, religious communities, or small faith groups. It can also occur in the context of a parish mass, using the *Roman Missal* ("At Seedtime", #27 from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will hold a Blessing of Seeds at daily mass on Thursday, February 19, at 12:15 p.m. Seeds can be brought in person or sent with someone ahead of time. Especially invited are gardeners, farmers, growers, and all who work with plants or seeds.

Parishes can access this document from the Office for Divine Worship [HERE](#).



Blessing of Seeds 2026

Introduction

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let us praise God, who plants the seeds and reaps the harvest. Blessed be God forever. **R.** Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Today we seek God's blessing of these seeds and the crops they will produce. Christ reminds us that, unless the seed is planted in the earth and dies, it will not yield fruit. As these seeds grow and are cared for, may they be signs of the new life from God. *{Book of Blessings 992}*

Scripture Reading (suggestions)

Genesis 1:1, 1-12, 27-31 Deuteronomy 28:1-6 Isaiah 55:10-13 Joel 2:21-26
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Matthew 13:31-36 Mark 4:26-29 Luke 12:16-21 John 12:23-25

Intercessions *{Adapted and abridged from Book of Blessings 979}*

Almighty God, look with benign providence on your children; give us nourishment and growth by blessing the earth with the fruitfulness that sustains human life. As your children, we pray to you by saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

- You bless the earth and abundance flows in its pastures; grant that by your blessing, our fields may yield the food we need. **R.**
- You make the wheat grow that provides our daily bread and the gift of the eucharist; give us a crop made rich by abundant rain and fertile soil. **R.**
- You feed the birds of the air and clothe the lilies of the field; teach us not to worry about what we are to eat or drink or wear, but to seek first your way of holiness. **R.**
- You have told us that Christ is the vine and we are branches; grant that by living in your Son we may produce much good fruit. **R.**

Conclusion

O God, from the very beginning of time you commanded the earth to bring forth vegetation and fruit of every kind. You provide the sower with seed and give bread to eat. Grant, we pray, that this land, enriched by your bounty and cultivated by human hands, may be fertile with abundant crops. Then your people, enriched by the gifts of your goodness, will praise you unceasingly now and for ages unending. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

{Book of Blessings 982}

Closing Song Suggestions

A. (Sung to the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King")

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessing on our way,
O praise God! Alleluia!

The fruits and flowers that verdant grow,
Let them praise his abundant show.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (St. Francis of Assisi)

B. (Sung to the tune of AR HYD NOS ["All Through the Night"])

For the fruits of this creation,
Thanks be to God;
For the gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing
God's will is done; (© F. Pratt Green)

