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Sowing Seeds of Gratitude

Tuesday May 4

Catholic Education Week 2021

Sowing seeds of gratitude

Welcome to second day of Catholic Education week. It is so good to gather and pray together. Today's theme is sowing seeds of gratitude. Once we have prepared the earth for planting, we select which seeds we will sow. This year we will sow seeds of gratitude.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



A prayer for the care of the earth

God our Father and Creator, we give you thanks for the wonder of creation which inspires us,

the fruit of the Earth which feeds us,

the beauty of nature which grounds us,

the joy of life which gives us hope.

Heal the places where your creation has been marred,

and restore all creatures to the splendor of your glory,

that all may delight once again in your goodness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





Inch by Inch –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1oiVEWFHrs>

Refrain

Inch by inch, row by row,
gonna make this garden grow, all
it takes is a rake and a hoe and a
piece of fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row,
someone bless these seeds I sow,
someone warm them from below,
'til the rain comes tumbling down.

Pulling weeds and picking stones,
we are made of dreams and
bones, feel the need to grow my
own, 'cause the time is close at
hand.

Grain for grain, sun and rain, find
my way in nature's chain, tune my
body and my brain to the music of
the land.

Plant your rows straight and long,
temper them with prayer and
song, Mother Earth will make you
strong if you give her love and
care.

Old crow watching hungrily, from
his perch in yonder tree, in my
garden I am free as that feathered
thief up there.

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Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray for our Holy Father Francis who is trying to help us to fall in love with the earth.

We pray.

Let us pray for all of our farmers who are sowing seeds for the food that we will eat.

We pray.



The Response is:



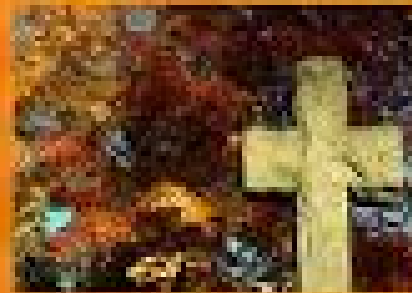
Lord Hear
Our
Prayer

Let us pray for migrant farmworkers who come from other countries to plant and pick food for us to eat. We pray.

Let us pray for all the sick and for all who care for them. We pray.

Let us pray for all those who have died and the families that are grieving. We pray.

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CEW Song with video lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5PZzF72mY8>

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen+