

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.”
(Genesis 8:22, NRSV)

Harvest season in the northern hemisphere is nearing its end. We know that winter, cold and dark, is soon upon us. Meanwhile, our brothers and sisters in the southern hemisphere look forward to the beginning of a new planting season, with its promise of new life amidst warmth and light. We thank you God, for the seasons of life in the promise given to Noah. Even in the midst of chaos that seems to be enveloping your precious creation, we rely on your promise that the order of life will continue to be restored.

God our creator, you have ordered seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain. Give to all who work the land fair compensation for the work of their hands. Grant that the people of this and every nation may give thanks to you for food, drink, and all that sustains life; may use with care the land and water from which these good things come; and may honor the laborers who produce them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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