

HOW TO PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON THE LAND

Focus on Agriculture and the land

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so (Gen.1:24). Father God, we lift up all live-stock farming in our country to You. Please will You, like on the day of creation, speak new life to the land once again! Let the land produce living creatures, live-stock, and may wild animals that are on the brink of extinction, increase in the fields. We ask that the people will eat the fatness of Your blessing.

The Lord said to Abram ... "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. ...Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you" (Gen.13:14,17). Father God, the issue of land is such a problem in our country. Please will You do a miracle and when we lift up our eyes from this awkward situation where we are, show and give us land and opportunities to the north and the south, the east and the west, so we ourselves and our children may have an inheritance.

He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land." (Gen.26:22). Father God, so much quarrelling about land and water has been going on. We pray that in Christ Jesus the issues of land and water will be settled and everyone will say, now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him (Gen.26:12-14). Father God, we ask that as farmers plant crops this season, that they will reap a hundredfold harvest. We also pray for an increase in the number of live-stock born. Will You show mercy and bless us in this season.

The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." ... Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel (Gen.35:12,15). Father God, once again we lift up unresolved issues of land to You. Will you bless us and show favour to us and our descendants after us, that we will eat from the wealth of the land, each and every one and worship You. Let the land carry Your blessing for generations to come.

'But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land.' ... And the Lord did this (Ex 8:22-24). Father God, in times of trouble, sickness, famine and drought, we

pray that You will deal differently with our land where Your children live. Protect us from evil, especially in and on the land, so we will know You are our God and You are in our land.

The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, ... where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. ... a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end (Deut.11:10-12). Father God, this is our heart's cry. That You will care for every piece of land that Your eyes will continually be on it, all year long. Show us favour Lord and bless our land.

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today - to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul - then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied (Deut.11:13-15). Father God, pour out Your Spirit upon our people, let them love, serve and obey You in everything. Please show mercy and let us hear the wind of Your Spirit, the rain of Your love, and open the floodgates of heaven and let ourselves and our live-stock eat and be satisfied.

Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span (Ex.23:24-26). O Lord, the life span of our people decreases continually because we worship our own bodies in sexual immorality etc. Please show mercy! Let us remove these things from among us and worship You! Pour out Your blessing on our food and water, take away sickness from us and let everything that has breath multiply in our land.

... Bloodshed pollutes the land, ... Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell among the Israelites (Num.35:33-34). Father God, so much bloodshed is still taking place in our land. Because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, will You forgive us and show mercy and please do not remove Your presence from our land. Come and cleanse and heal our land, so we might praise and give You glory and honour!

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, ... He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you (Deut.7:12-13). Father God, we earnestly pray that You would stir a hunger and thirst in people's hearts to serve and seek You. We also ask for Your blessing on our people, the crops of our land, our grain, wine, oil, cattle, sheep etc. May Your Name be glorified as the land overflows with Your goodness.

You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor any of your livestock without young. The Lord will keep you free from every disease (Deut.7:14-15). Father God, this is our cry for our land. That as we worship You, You will bless

us more than other people, that none will be barren, or any livestock without young. Protect us from every disease and all sickness, heal our land from HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB, cholera and all other infections.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills (Deut.8:8-9). Father God, we thank You that You have put us in a good land. We lift up the mining and related industries to you and ask that You will reveal new rich diamond, gold, platinum, copper, and uranium rifts and deposits that will boost the economy and provide job opportunities to many. We ask that bread will no longer be scarce in homes, that we will lack nothing.

You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it (Gen.34:10,11). Father God, we ask now for the nations, that You will also give us (missionaries, business people etc.) an inheritance to be favourably received in foreign lands, to live there, to trade and to acquire property in it, not to lack anything, but in all circumstances to eat of the abundance of the land. We pray that Your Name will be glorified as the people in these nations see Your hand of blessing upon us as Your children.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, ... (Deut.8:10-11). Lord God, as a new season starts now, we ask that You will heed every prayer to heal our land to yield it's harvest this year. Let it be said of our country- surely God is with them, He is their protector, He cares for them and His favour is ever upon them. Let our praises be unto You for the goodness You are about to pour out in our land!