

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Lord Jesus,
in images of farming and rural life
you announced your gospel to the poor.

We pray for rural men and women,
especially for those who work hard in the fields.

Give us the strength of your Spirit to be witnesses
and collaborators of the creative providence.

May we always sow in ourselves and in our families
the holiness and hope of Christian life,
with the same zeal with which we cultivate our land.

Bless the daily efforts of farmers and farm workers.
Let all recognize the dignity of their labor.

Raise from among us men and women
at the service of the gospel,
sisters and brothers to announce unceasingly
your love for this world that is your own field and farm.

We give you glory forever and ever.

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