

Prayer for the Land

We pray for the land
we hear the promise you have spoken in Isaiah
of the refreshment of the creation;
of water in the desert,
of renewal for the land,
of hope, of life.

We name our simple need - rain for our thirsty land.
Our tanks and dams are nearly empty,
like our hopes for this season.

Please, loving God, bring us rain
to renew the ground, to replenish our dams,
to bring some chance of feed,
to bring the possibility of some reward
to those who have toiled so hard.
We turn to you in faith and hope.

We pray for our community
We pray for all those whose lives
are under the shadow of drought.
We think first of those who work with the land,
for farmers and their families,
for those who rely upon the land for their life and
relationships.

We pray for contractors, merchants and truck drivers,
for rural counsellors and support workers,
for all our rural community.

May the refreshment of your Spirit,
present in miraculous and truly human ways,
be with all of us as we move forward into the days
ahead.

We pray, too, for justice;
for fair prices for our stock and our wool and our
crops.

We pray for governments, banks and corporations -
to be driven by the wisdom
of community, justice and compassion
not simply the folly of the dollar and the bottom line.

We pray for each other,
keep us aware of the needs of those around us:
for those who are struggling,
who are grieving,
who are ill, who are dying.





**Restore those who are far from you
with the knowledge that they are loved and
valued.**

**Give them not just a sense of renewal,
but a sense of hope and purpose for lives
that are finding the journey hard.**

**Let us see the miracle of healing
in relationships,
in lives,
in communities,
where there is illness
and hope is far away.**

**Keep us always conscious of the task we have
in ministry and mission in your world.**

We offer all these prayers in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

**God our Father, You created our earth to
nourish us and give us life
And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to
us**

**We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you
look with favour on our drought stricken land.**

**Our starving animals and failing produce.
Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our
farmers and all those affected by this drought
In your loving providence send abundant rain
soon**

**And renew the faith of your people and the
face of our land.**

**We make this prayer with many, through Jesus
Christ who gives new life to all living things.**

Amen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for us