

Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday, a time of celebration and prayer, is a time set aside to appreciate and recognize our dependence upon the land for our food and most importantly upon our dependence of God for the miracles of sprouting seeds, growing plants, and maturing harvest.

Traditionally the Church has celebrated Rogation Sunday on the 6th Sunday after Easter or the Sunday prior to Christ's Ascension. For many congregations this may be Confirmation Sunday. The Rural Ministry Committee suggests that Rogation Sunday could be celebrated earlier, possibly April 28th. If you wish, your congregation may use the service enclosed. For a better understanding of God's miracles of life, growth and faith, your confirmation or Sunday school classes may use the following seed planting project:

Plant 1-3 large seeds, of your choice, along the inside side of a clear plastic glass.

Cover the seeds with soil 3 to 4 times the diameter of the seeds.

Water, keeping the soil moist but not wet.

Place in sunlight.

Watch the seeds germinate set roots and grow.

Our faith, like the seeds, are rooted and grounded in the Love of Christ. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he says, "I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being ***rooted*** and ***grounded*** in Love."

May **you** grow daily in the Spirit of Christ's never ending Love.

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