

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION



PRAYER:

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you:
For the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy.
For the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
For the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
For the harvested fields that bring peace to our souls,
For the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to the young of heart,
For the Fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
For the change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen.



READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season; and a time for every matter under heaven.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

PRAYER: *(adapted from Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM)*

Glorious God, our seasons turn once more. Open us to your Word and your Works. Brighten our lives anew with colors and smells.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.



God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.

God of Autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.



God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.



God of plants touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

ALL: Transform us as you transform our world once again.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.

ALL: For all this, we are grateful. Amen.

Prayers of Petition: (Feel free to add your own intentions in silence or out loud.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Loving God, we thank you for your companionship on our journey. Keep us aware of your presence by all ways and means that you use as we continue to strive to bring about your kingdom of love wherever we are. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

