

## A Prayer in Planting Time

Dear Lord, You are wonderful in everything you do. In marvelous ways You take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds.

You form the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that we can know what kind of growth will come of them. When they are placed the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the nourishing, tasty foods that all of us need to sustain life.

Dear Lord, bless these seeds, watch over them, and bring them to the full growth and rich harvest that You wish to bless us with. Watch over us, too, and make the seeds of grace that You have given us grow to flower and fruit in the full Christian life that You intend for us here and hereafter.

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