

Ashton Tree planting

Prayers at the planting

Father God, Creator of life and Sustainer of seed and soil, of tree and flower, you have created this world and all that lives in it. It is to you that we come in this prayer of dedication and blessing, for you are the Giver of life and the Sustainer of all that lives.

You soil, I bless you in the name of Christ that you may make the trees grow and protect them. May you provide the trees with sufficient food for proper growth. Love the trees and keep their roots, for they are our friends.

This is the water of purification and fertility. We sprinkle it on this new planting of trees as a symbol of rain so that the trees will grow: Father God, heal the land so that the darkness we have caused withdraws.

May these trees dig deep roots and grow wide branches to bear witness to your abundant love. Bless and sanctify these fruit/apple trees so that whoever eats from them may be strong and flourish in your love.

Blessing of the trees and people

May the Lord bless you and all creation with you, may the Lord care for you and keep you, may the Lord stand over you as you grow.

And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Go in the peace of God to care for creation.

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