

# Rogation Resources

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# Welcome

Welcome to our Rogation resource for 2014. The aim of this pack is to give you a range of prayers, hymns and readings that you can use for your rogation services this year. You can also find out a little more about what Self Help Africa does and hear from one of the families we've been able to help. And if you oversee several congregations then we can get you as many extra copies as you need, either by emailing me ([matthew.page@selfhelpafrica.org](mailto:matthew.page@selfhelpafrica.org)) or by giving us a call on 01743 277170.

We want to provide this resource for free, so please do use it without obligation. That said, the reason we exist is to help people escape the poverty and hunger that affects over 222 million people each year in sub-Saharan Africa. So if you do use our resources more regularly please do consider if you might be able to support our work in some way through the year.

Lastly, as we've never produced materials for Rogationtide before we'd be really keen to hear from you about how we can improve this pack. So if you have any ideas please let us know, whether by email ([matthew.page@selfhelpafrica.org](mailto:matthew.page@selfhelpafrica.org)) or by dropping us a line at the address below.

Many thanks,



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## "As the Days Begin to Lengthen"

©Stephen Southgate - May 2012

[To the music of 'Christ is made our Sure Foundation']

Words available from:

<http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/worship-resources/item/download/2330>

## "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Music by John Rutter, 1978

Words and tune available from:

<http://www.releaselyrics.com/509d/john-rutter-for-the-beauty-of-the-earth/>

## "Lord in thy Name thy Servants Plead"

John Keeble (1792-1866)

Words, tune & music available from:

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/li/t/n/litntspl.htm>

## "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"

©Karen Lafferty (1971)

Words, tune & music available from:

<http://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/ns/120>

## "To Thee our God we Fly"

W.Walsham How (1823-97)

Words, tune & music available from:

<http://cyberhymnal.org/htm/t/t/ttogwfly.htm>



**Matthew 7: 9-12** "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask"

- Deuteronomy 8:11-14
- Amos 9: 13-15
- Psalm 112
- 1 Peter 1: 22 – 25



## Welcome

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's  
**Cong:** And everything in it

**Leader:** Let the heavens rejoice,  
**Cong:** And let the earth be glad.

## Zambian Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*We Mfumu utubelele uluse.*  
*We Kristu utubelele uluse.*  
*We Mfumu utubelele uluse.*



## Intercessions

**Let us pray for the world and thank God for his goodness.**

Lord may your blessings be on the fields of wheat, corn, barley, spelt and other crops that are grown within our parish. May the rain fall to swell them and the sun shine to ripen them. May the fields grow ready for harvest. And we pray for farmers growing crops in Africa that their rains will come and that they will know how to make it last for as long as they need.

**Lord of creation:** Hear our prayer

Father, we pray for those rearing animals, that those in their care would grow strong. We pray that they will get a good price for their dairy produce and their meat. And we pray for those rearing animals in Africa, that they would have enough to feed them so that their milk, eggs and meat may make enable their families to grow strong.

**Lord of creation:** Hear our prayer

Creator God, who placed humanity in a garden filled with trees, will you bless the trees of those in our community who grow fruit on trees or on bushes.



## Intercessions (cont.)

And bless those who grow fruit in Africa that they may gain a good yield so that those growing fruit, be it apples, strawberries, bananas, mangoes or anything else may know your fruitfulness in their lives.

**Lord of creation:** Hear our prayer

Lord God, who made Daniel and his friends as healthy on a vegetable diet as their colleague were on one centred around rich meats, we pray for those who grow vegetables both at home and abroad. We thank you for the nutrients they provide and pray that those growing them will get plentiful crops.

**Lord of creation:** Hear our prayer

Father of all, we pray for all the activities that take place in and around the farmhouses in our community. We pray that food stored would be safe from pests and rot; that machines would continue to work well and that tools would not perish. We pray for those farmers in Africa that their access to tools and sustainable technology would improve that they may get more benefit from their labours.

**Lord of creation:** Hear our prayer

## A Farmer's Prayer

Lord, help us to love you with all of our hearts, that you might send rain and we might gather grain and new wine.

Lord help us to trust that you have provided us with the expertise to care for our crops, trees and animals to harvest the yields we need.

Lord, help us to consider the birds who do not plant or harvest, neither do they worry, yet they are fed by you.

And Lord, help us to remember you when we sit down to enjoy what you have given us. Help us not to become proud



# A Zambian Prayer

Most High God, your Royal Majesty,  
Owner of forest and water;  
You are called when things  
are difficult,  
You dwell on high.  
We have come to your  
palace as your children,  
near your kingly throne.  
In your palace, there is no  
hunger or poverty.  
Open your storerooms of riches,  
So that we also may receive  
what we need.  
You give without end,  
Fill our barns too,  
So that there must be no  
poverty among us.  
Bless all crops to give  
us true wealth,  
It is only you we trust to help us.  
Amen.

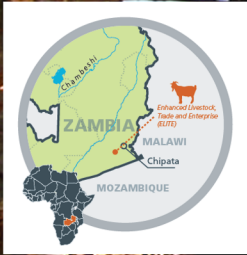


God our Father, the generous giver,  
You give to your children  
according to your will;  
You give according to your grace.  
Give us all your fellowship  
Above all, we thank you for  
all the resources of the earth.  
May we share them according  
to your love.  
Be near us so that we may  
know you more.  
Amen.

O Sovereign God,  
Let those who till the soil and  
plant seeds  
Be good stewards of the earth.  
I rejoice with the coming  
of the rains,  
When seeds germinate to  
bring life to the fields.  
Amen.

*(All translated from chi-Bemba,  
one of Zambia's major languages,  
by Father Robert Mumbi, of  
Mufulira, Zambia).*

## Changed Life Story: Lavnis Tembo



Lavnis Tembo is a widow and mother of five living in the village of Tantwe in Zambia's Eastern Province. It's the second poorest region in Zambia with over two-thirds of the population suffering from serious hunger. It suffers from endemic livestock diseases, high levels of sickness and disease as well as low soil fertility. Half of the region's under-fives suffer from stunted growth.

But we were able to help Lavnis and the farmers' group in her village. Nine of the group's members have received female goats, and the remainder will receive female kids in the coming season. The goats now play a vital role in Lavnis' community. Their milk and cheese provides food and nourishment and they produce manure, which is used as a natural fertilizer for the land. (They can also be sold for profit or bred to produce more goats). Since these goats are inexpensive to keep and adapt well to local conditions such as those in Tantwe they have been helping to transform lives at a very low cost. We also gave training in how best to look after the goats and enabled the villagers in building goat houses to keep disease, pests and predators at bay.

Goats have made a real difference to people like Lavis and the others in her village helping them to work their way out of poverty and escape hunger.





# Self Help Africa

For 30 years Self Help Africa has worked with rural communities to help them improve their farms and their livelihoods, **tackling the poverty and hunger that blights the lives of over 222 million people**. On a continent where up to 70-80% of people rely on small-scale agriculture for their survival, it is only by tackling the challenges faced by rural farming communities that real and continued economic progress can be made.

## In 2013 we helped:



220,000 smallholder farmers, across...



3,750 local farmer groups, benefitting...



1.3 million people in total across all projects

Our **low cost, sustainable solutions** provide practical help where it's most needed. We don't give hand outs or aid. Instead we want to ensure that families have the skills they need to grow enough food to feed themselves, earn a living and manage their own lives.

We work in nine countries in sub-Saharan Africa helping farmers and their families. For every £1 we receive, 91p is used to help African families change their lives for the better.



*You can help African families escape hunger & poverty*