
CWS Tools

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A BLESSING OF THE CWS TOOLS

Blessing the Tools that Build a Harvest of Hope

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the seeds of compassion planted in our hearts. Today, we bless the simple tools—shovels, watering cans and seeds—that will become instruments of transformation. May they bring nourishment, dignity, and hope to families, as we love our neighbors—next door and on the other side of the world. Bless those who give and those who receive. Let every garden grown and every meal shared be a sign of your abundant love in the world. May this Harvest of Hope reflect your goodness. Amen.

A HARVEST OF HOPE: A LITANY FOR WORSHIP

LEADER: God is the giver of every good seed, every nourishing harvest.

PEOPLE: May our gifts plant seeds of hope in every corner of the world.

LEADER: Jesus taught us to love our neighbors with compassion and care.

PEOPLE: May our gifts of seeds, tools, and chickens help our neighbors grow food and flourish.

LEADER: In times of hunger, God provided manna in the wilderness.

PEOPLE: May our gifts bring food and dignity to families facing hardship.

LEADER: God called us to be co-workers in the garden of creation.

PEOPLE: May our gifts empower farmers, families, and communities to build a better future.

LEADER: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—small, but full of promise.

PEOPLE: May these small gifts grow into a great harvest of hope.

LEADER: We offer these tools, these seeds, these blessings in Christ's name.

ALL: And may the love of God take root and grow through us. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We worship a God who plants seeds of hope and nurtures them into abundance. God has blessed us with nourishment, community, and love—and calls us to share those blessings with others. Today, through our offering for CWS Tools, we have the opportunity to help families grow their own food, raise chickens, and build a sustainable future. Our gifts—joined with those from congregations across the country—provide tools, seeds, and support to our neighbors near and far. Together, we can help cultivate a Harvest of Hope for those who need it most. Please give generously.



GOSPEL RESPONSIVE READING

"For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." -Psalm 107:9

LEADER: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. When we give seeds, tools, and chickens, we help make that promise real. Families can grow their own food, nourish their children, and build a future.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God, who provides through our giving.

LEADER: May these gifts plant a harvest of hope—a sign of God's love in every growing garden and every full plate.

ALL: Amen.

A LITANY FOR A CWS TOOLS SUNDAY

LEADER: We have come together today to offer our gifts of CWS Tools to be distributed by Church World Service to places where people need tools to build a better life for themselves. As we dedicate these gifts, let us join in prayer.

PEOPLE: God of compassion, hear our prayer.

LEADER: God of new beginnings, you are with our neighbors as they are building new opportunities for their families.

PEOPLE: May my gift of tools provide families hope for their future.

LEADER: God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people.

PEOPLE: God is good to all and has compassion for all creation.

LEADER: Jesus said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

PEOPLE: May my gift of tools give hope and promise to our neighbors building new lives.

LEADER: Gracious God, bless these tools, that they might bring hope to those who need it. Bless those who will receive these tools. Let them know your love through these gifts.

PEOPLE: May the tools we offer today contribute to this sacred work and may those who receive these gifts sense your loving kindness and find their hope renewed.

ALL: Amen.



MAMA NGUYO LOVES HER CHICKENS



Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, Mama Nguyo received something simple—but powerful: three chickens.

That may not sound like much. But for Mama Nguyo, it was the start of something big.

She cared for those chickens and gathered their eggs. Before long, she had 20 chickens and was able to buy a rooster. With more eggs than her family could eat, she began selling them at the local market. Soon, she earned enough money to buy new chairs for her home and support her family's daily needs.

This is what hope looks like.

Because of faithful congregations supporting CWS Tools, families like Mama Nguyo's are planting seeds of change—growing their own food, starting small businesses, and building more secure lives.

Every shovel, every chicken, every seed, every tool becomes part of a **Harvest of Hope**.



Thank you for being part of the story.



MOMENT FOR MISSION: A HARVEST OF HOPE

"For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." -Psalm 107:9

Oscar Caballero Benitez is a farmer in Honduras. With support from CWS and a local partner, Oscar received the tools, seeds, and training he needed to grow food for his family. Soon, he was harvesting bananas, corn, papaya—and gathering fresh eggs from his chickens.

But Oscar's story doesn't stop there. He began selling extra produce and eggs at the market, creating a steady income and a more secure future for his family.

This is what your gifts to CWS Tools can do. With every shovel, seed, and chicken, you help fulfill God's promise to fill the hungry with good things.

Today, as we prepare to give, may we do so with generous hearts—knowing that our gifts can grow a Harvest of Hope for families around the world.

Please give generously.






HARVEST OF HOPE: A CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVITY

When we offer what we have, together we can help our neighbors and make the world a better place.

1. Print and cut out the “Harvest of Hope” cards below
2. Ask each church member (of all ages!) to write down one way they can help grow a Harvest of Hope.
3. Display all the cards on a bulletin board or another visible place in the church.

Let’s see what a beautiful field of compassion, action, and generosity looks like—right here in our congregation.

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