A BLESSING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ON A MAY MORNING

The priest may bless water, using these or similar words:.

Almighty Father, bless this water,
so that we may bring down your blessing on the countryside,
and that the countryside may bring your blessings to us.

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On this beautiful May morning,
we look out over the countryside around us
and we thank God for all he has made,
for the whole of his creation.

We ask God to bless this whole countryside around us
Our homes and the whole neighbourhood of which they are a part..
the houses and the farms.
the hills and the valleys,
the rivers and streams,
the mountains and the lakes,

Lord, bless all of us,
the people of this countryside.
Send your healing power among us –
a power to can banish the evils that would oppress or harm us.
May your blessing remain among us
to sustain us in love and goodness, in peace and contentment.

Lord, on this May Day,
we ask you to bless the efforts of those produce food from the land.
Let them look forward to a new season of fruitfulness and prosperity
from their fields and their crops, their farms and their herds.

Lord, we remember the people of the past generations,
who lived their lives and earned their livelihood
among these hills and valleys and mountains and streams that surround us.
Bless them with eternal life with you..

Lord, help us to preserve and enhance
the beauty and healthfulness of this countryside
that the past generations have handed on to us.
Help us preserve the abundant variety of plant and animal life.
Help us to cherish the pure water, the clean air,
the fresh winds and the warm sunshine,
and guide us in preserving this magnificent landscape
that we have inherited.

Lord, as we grow in appreciation of our natural surroundings
lead us to appreciate the wonder of your presence in our world,
and surround us with your goodness and love and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen