

**A simple form of Morning Prayer to
be prayed before Flower Arranging
in Church**

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us listen to the Word of God

Genesis 1:11-13 (or some alternative)

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Prayers

Father, we thank you for all those who week by week arrange flowers in this church and we pray for your blessing on us as we seek to decorate this Church for We thank you that through the gifts of many this church is decorated to the glory of God in times of joy and in times of sorrow. May we never take for granted the gift of time and creativity given by all people of all ages in this ministry. **Amen.**

Voice 1

We thank you, Lord, for your wonderful creation of flowers

Voice 2

We thank you for the people who plant the seeds that grow into the flowers

Voice 3

We thank you for those who cut the flowers and send them to market.

Voice 4

We thank you for those who make the containers that the flowers are placed in

Voice 5

We thank you for water that refreshes and flowers and gives them longer life in bloom.

Voice 6

We thank you that we are able to pick or buy the flowers to bring into this house of God and arrange them to God's glory.

For seeds, for growers, for markets, for flowers

Praise God!

For glass blowers, potters, metal workers, china makers,

Praise God!

For the abundance of creativity, colours and shapes

Praise God!

For beauty and fragrance, for flowers and for our work today!

Praise God! Amen and Amen!

Blessing

May God, who created the wonder of flowers bless us as we work.

May Jesus, to came to show us God's glory in the world, bless us as we work.

May the Holy Spirit, who inspires us with creativity, bless us as we work.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, be with us this day and always. **Amen.**

