

Seeds

We're not claiming to have written the Didache - from which the opening line of this eucharistic prayer was drawn. Despite being Baptist, we define our worshipping community rather more broadly than many other churches, so the bread created out of our seeds includes those who join in the variety of activities we run during the week, such as the credit union or complementary therapy sessions. As such, this prayer has many references to our activities and context which you will probably want to change to fit your context.

As this bread was once seed, scattered on the fields and hillsides
So we are the seeds of God's love
Scattered
Randomly
On the world
On Openshaw.

As the wheat was ground into flour,
and brought together to make the loaf,
So we are brought together
In this place
One family
One community
One body.

It takes faith
to see life
in a mustard seed.
It takes faith
to see new life
in this place.

So draw near with faith
Proclaim
that you believe
that you want to believe
that somewhere in the depths of your soul
you have faith
that God can bring new life
from a crucified community
like ours.

In a handful of seeds
see bread.

In a handful of seeds
see a garden

In a handful of seeds
see friendships

In a handful of seeds
see sanctuary

In a handful of seeds

see peace

In a coffee morning
see seeds

In a massage
see seeds

In a credit union
see seeds

In children playing
see seeds

In old people laughing
see seeds

With these seeds
I plant my love

With these seeds
I plant my life

Fallen to the ground
Dead and buried
With no hope
Forgotten

[Breaking and Lifting]

Here
In broken bread
In sprinkled wine
We see the hope of germination

We taste the faith of resurrection.

[Sharing]

So as the seed falls to the ground
We fall to our knees
Broken, bruised and battered.
But as the seed is not dead
So we are not dead
For we have your spirit within
Lift us from your table
to blossom and grow
into all you would have us be
and all we have the potential to become
In the name of the God of Creation
The Seed of Love
and the Spirit of Growth
Amen

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