



**Meditation for Wednesday in the Sixth Week
of Easter**

Rogation Day

May12, 2021

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all

mortals life and breath and all things.

[Acts 17:24-25]

The days before the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (observed this Thursday) are called Rogation Days, beginning with Rogation Sunday, which we observed this past Sunday. On Rogation Sunday, traditionally, the priest marks the boundaries of the parish land and prays for fruitful crops; on Rogation Days we pray for farms and all those who work in food production and distribution. We are especially mindful of the ways that our relationship with the land is a blessing, a responsibility, and an opportunity to share in God's ongoing creation. We pray for the grace to witness God's presence in the smallest lower and the wildest weeds, in the shallow streams and the grand mountains.

This prayer from Kenya expresses the meaning of Rogation Days:

Blessing from Kenya

An African Prayer Book, ed. Desmond Tutu (NY: Doubleday, 1995), p. 128

May God free you,
May God guard you night and day.
May God set you in your right place,
And may you spread out like the grass of prairie.
May God place you where God's stars are placed at dawn and at night.
May God raise you up above everything.
Be abundance that never ends, that ever changes.
Be like a mountain.
Be like a cloud – that brings rain always.
And God promised that it would be so.