

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 51

The Year of Sowing – The Process of Harvest

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:28-29 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: The focus of this year, and this theme of sowing does not end on December 31st. As we have seen, sowing is to be a lifestyle. But sowing also involves a process. The first part of this process is that the seed must die (John 12:24). When the seed dies, in a way, it is no longer under the control or authority of the sower. The process that God has built into the seed begins, and from this point of death the sower can only wait. Now, much of what happens is hidden deep within the earth as the life within the seed breaks forth and rises toward the surface of the earth. When we sow our seeds in whatever area that may be, family, service, finances, and the other areas, much of the result of our sowing is hidden from us for a period of time. We may not see immediate results, but we believe in the process God has established. Soon the blade breaks through the surface and begins the process of growth. At this point the sower can continue to water, cultivate, but the harvest is still in the hands of God who created the process. As we sow we must understand the process of the harvest. We should be patient and watchful. Sometimes we may expect the fruit of our sowing to be immediate. This shows a lack of understanding of the process God has made. As Jesus said, when the grain ripens then is the time for the sickle, because then it is time for the harvest. Praise the Lord that He is the author of the process of harvest. The times of harvest are in His hands and His purposes. Let us trust in His ways.

Day 1: Worship the Lord today that His is the author of the process of the harvest.

Day 2: Pray for the Lord to work His work with the seeds that you have sown this year.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to forgive you for times you have not understood His process in the sowing of seeds.

Day 4: Pray for the growing process of the seeds that you have planted this year, that God will give increase.

Day 5: Pray that your church will cooperate with God in the process of growth and harvest as you sow seeds for His Kingdom.

Day 6: Pray for other churches in your city to understand the process of the harvest from God's perspective.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to have the faith and patience with the process of the harvest.