



If you are looking for a way to make your harvest service more interactive, why not create Harvest prayer stations around your Church and invite the congregation to take part before or after the main service.

We have below 5 very simple station ideas, giving thanks and praying for those involved in the production and distribution journey of the food we eat: Our Farmers, Our Fishermen and women, Our Producers, Our Delivery Drivers, Our Shop Workers.

On the next page you will see the outline of ideas for each station and the equipment you will need. You will also find station headings which can be printed if you wish.

We've kept it simple and cost effective, but you will need a lot of Sharpies! ;)

The final station is based on the traditional harvest food donation idea, so you will need to ask your congregation in advance to bring in tins/packets of non perishable foods that can be distributed to those in need within your parish/town.

These are just springboard ideas, feel free to change them or create your own.

## **Prayer Station Activities**



For **Our Farmers**, gather some small toy tractors (preferably ones that no little people will be protective about!)

Place a shallow tray of poster paint (washable) and large A2 blank pieces of paper.

Participants then paint and pray by rolling the tyres of the tractor in the paint and use it to create a pattern.

As they paint they pray for farmers they know, or to write the names of farmers they want to pray for, giving thanks for their dedication.

Pray for safety on the farms.

Provision for their families in hard times.

Pray also for the land, the soil and the biodiversity on the farm land. For Our Fishermen & women, use old cardboard boxes to cut out simple fish shapes.

Cut squares of tin foil big enough to cover the fish.

Have a large box with some blue tissue paper slightly scrunched up covering the bottom this is your ocean box.

Invite participants to pick up the foil and a cardboard fish then slowly cover the fish in foil, smoothing it out as they pray for the safety of those working on the seas. Praying for the health of our oceans, and the creatures who live in them.

You could also have sharpies on hand and invite people to write their prayers onto the foil covered fish.

When finished the fish can be placed into the ocean box





For **Our Producers** gather some small pumpkins or a couple of very large pumpkins. Place sharpies next to the pumpkins and invite people to pray for small businesses in your area who are producing food, be it bakers, butchers, green grocers, farm shops etc.

Using the sharpies write prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for these businesses or simply the names of those being prayed for.

You could also invite prayers for your town/city and the amount of food waste, or the foodbanks helping to redistribute food to those in need.

For **Our Delivery Drivers**, use a shoe box and another smaller box such as a tissue box to create your own cardboard lorry.

Have packs of square post-it notes and pens beside the boxes.

Invite participants to write prayers onto the post-it notes for those they know who are delivery drivers.

Also prayers for our global distribution of food, that we would find ways to share and support countries where food is scarce.

Each person can open the back of the lorry (take the lid off the shoebox) and stick their prayers inside the lorry.



For **Our Shop Workers,** this last activity is more in line with the traditional school harvest festivals.

Ask those who are coming to the service to bring tins and packets of non-perishable food. Gather all the tins and packets at this final station along with some sharpies (darker colours will work best).

As participants pick up a tin or packet ask them to pray quietly for those working in our shops, for energy, joy and peace.

After they have prayed, invite them to choose a tin/packet and write words of encouragement wherever there is a space. These tins and packets can then be distributed to those in need within your parish.









## Our Belivery Brivers



## Our Shep Werkers

