

# RURAL LIFE SUNDAY LITANY

O Lord, you have given us the gift of land.

**May we ever protect and preserve it.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of water.

**May we keep it pure and safe.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of air.

**May we keep it pure and fresh.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of plants  
and trees.

**May we ever use and protect them justly.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of birds and  
animals.

**May we preserve and enjoy them.**

O Lord, you have given us care of the earth.

**O Lord, we accept the care of these gifts as  
our sacred stewardship.**

**Amen.**

(MELVIN E. WEST, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)



## RURAL LIFE SUNDAY OFFERING

**The Iowa Annual Conference Rural  
Life Sunday Offering goes to support  
projects in rural areas of Iowa. An  
example of a project that  
received funding for this year is  
Mobile United Methodist Missionaries  
of the South Central, Southeast, and  
Southwest Districts. MUMMS helps to  
provide VBS, after-school programs,  
work projects, and many other  
services for small rural churches and  
communities without a church.**

**If you wish to apply for funds from this offering,  
contact your district office.**