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A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP TO BE READ IN THE CHURCHES
OF THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST, 1946.

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

The Harvest in Britain, and in the Northern Hemisphere generally, will soon be ripening, and I hope that in every Parish Prayer will be offered that in this hour of need God will send an abundant supply of food. The Mother Country and other lands are in serious need of the necessities of life. At the beginning of the War Britain stood alone for more than a year against German might aided by Italy, and all through the War she gave lavish help to needy Allies, not looking for gain. Here in Australia we have not felt, and are not feeling, the want of food which Britain and other nations experience as the result of hostilities. Let us do all we can in a practical way to relieve the need, and remember also to pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He may reward with an abundance of the fruits of the earth the labours of those who have sown - many of them literally in tears.

I request that the Faithful remember these things in their private devotions and that at Morning and Evening Prayer in the Churches the people assembled be reminded just before the "Prayer for all Conditions of Men" of this great need of so many. I would suggest that at the appropriate place in this Prayer, there should be a period of silent supplication for a fruitful harvest to relieve the hungry in their distress. Let us bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Praying that the Divine blessing
may rest upon you, your homes and loved ones,

Your servant in Christ,

Howard Sydney