

Rogation Days - May 18-20, 2020

How to mark these days during a pandemic

Rogation Day celebrations have gone out of fashion lately, but I think that it's a wonderful time to stop and recognize the wonderful creation around us. This can be done outside on whatever land we can see and touch. It can be done from within our houses as we look out the windows and acknowledge all of the nature that we can see (and hear).

I'm encouraging us to be creative in our marking of these times.

We're in a pandemic, and even if our state doesn't have a "shelter in place" order, we need to not have large gatherings.

Traditionally, rogation prayers are for a community to celebrate together and pray through all of the plantings and for the land. It has included large processions and many prayers.

In our modern times, I encourage you to do whatever makes sense in your life or your community's life. You might be lay or ordained and might choose to recognize Rogation Days individually or in a group.

So – consider your hopes for the celebration, your context, and your audience.

Then – choose how you're going to mark the time
(Choose 1 of Column A and one of Column B)

How extensive is the celebration?	What is the platform on which you will share it?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- One prayer- Several prayers (perhaps mirroring the procession) said from one place- A processional blessing around an area (someone's home or garden or the church, if you are allowed there).- Includes music (<i>suggestion</i>: Hymnal 1982: All things bright and beautiful)- Sharing of pictures from each member of the community through individual posts or slides- Sharing a BINGO card	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Email a prayer or litany for people to celebrate at home- Individual Facebook post- Community Facebook post- Facebook live video- Zoom celebration- YouTube video and shared

Be creative! Invite others to recognize the beauty of creation, say a prayer for the crops, and praise God for the amazing order of it all.

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