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At Pentecost & Trinity Sunday:

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Pray for all who work closely with nature:

For farmers who grow our food;
For scientists and technicians who probe the secrets of the earth;
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