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Gardening can help us love God...

Gardening can be a metaphor for life. Plants need to be fed, they need to be watered, they need care and they take work.

Gardens are like us - if we do not feed and water them they do not grow. We need to share our faith and care for others. We all have to work at these to build our faith and feel in touch with God.

You may not have a garden but you can still enjoy some of the pleasures the outside can bring either by walking in it or by seeing it through a window.

The following poem highlights its wonderful connection to God:

*The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth*

Dorothy Frances Gurney - English Poetess 1858 - 1932

As always realising that God loves us as we should love him for many things like gardens, and the celebrations we have just undertaken welcoming his son into the world at Christmas.

Let us enjoy God's pleasures and realise his love for us.

Psalm 91 verse 14: 'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him: I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.'