

A farmer's prayer

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As farmers and ranchers, Dear God, give us wisdom and patience to understand why a pound of T-bone steak at \$1.80 is high, but a 3-ounce cocktail at \$2.20 is not.

And a 50 cent Coke at the ball game is cheap, but the 20 cent glass of milk for breakfast is inflationary.

And Lord, help me to understand why \$5 for a ticket to the picture show is a bargain, but \$3 for a bushel of wheat is unthinkable.

Cotton is too high at 65 cents a pound, but a \$20 shirt is on sale for \$18.95.

And corn is too steep at 3 cents worth in a box of flakes, but the flakes are just right at 50 cents a serving.

And also, Lord, help me understand why I have to give an easement to the gas company so they can cross my property with their gas lines and then double my price for gas.

And also, Dear God, help me to understand the consumer, who drives by my field and scoffs at me for driving a \$30,000 tractor that he built so he could make money and drive down that right-of-way they took from me to build a road on so he could go hunting and skiing.

With this in mind, come Jan. 15, we are going to get out of that field and head down our right-of-way.

With Your guidance and strength, we will carry the non-believers and the do-nothings on our right shoulder, and the burden of expense on our left,

and we are going to have a place to sell, buy, sing and pray.

Thank you, God, for your past guidance and help. Please help us once again get out of Egypt and into Canaan.