

## **Rose Garden Dedication and Blessing**

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**Opening of the Walnut Hill Rose Garden, June 15, 2010**

Creator God, you make all things good and weave them together in an intricate tapestry of life. You have called us to tend and keep the garden of your whole creation, the earth. We give thanks for the delight of having joined our strengths and efforts to produce such a lovely place.

We ask your blessing upon these vulnerable, young roses -- may they be fed by the rain and kissed gently by the sun. In caring for them, may we experience a connection to the earth and to the generations before us as well as the generations yet to come.

Soon these roses will be our pride and joy. May this rose garden also be a place of peace.

May those who come here be reminded to respect the fragile balance of life and to care for all the gifts of Your creation.

May these roses beautify and unite our city.

And may we all delight in watching this garden grow as it becomes a symbol of inspiration, a message of love and beauty, of order and respect for all the citizens of the city of New Britain.

Amen.