Arthur Prysock "A Working Man's Prayer"

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Lord, put your hand to The handle of my hoe Let me make another step Let me grow another row

Even though I'm tired
Got to try to make a dollar
For my wife and kids
Living over in the holler

The frost came early last year And, well, Lord, there just Wasn't anything to be harvested

Well, with no money
And Christmas a-coming
A man's mind takes funny turns
And for a minute
I thought to blame you, Lord
But I know better than that

I know that for every row planted It takes a heap of praying And I reckon I been forgetting mine When the crops died

But you didn't forget me, Lord And by the time Christmas came I'd found enough to put A chicken on the table It wasn't that big turkey I wanted But it was mighty good eatings

And the kids all had new shoes
It wasn't those fancy toys they wanted
But their feet was nice and warm

And I got down on my knees
And I thanked you, Lord, remember

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And then there was a time my wife said You just got to slow down, man I said, honey I got make it while I can

So I worked three days, Lord Without stopping for Miss Simmons down the road Had wood needed chopping

Sam Fallow over east
Had hay needed bailing
Old man Taylor wanted his
Holler fixed beforee spring planting

The fourth day I was down on my back, Lord But I got it all done Before the sky turned black

Now, I ain't complaining, Lord But sometimes when you see me stumble Reach down and lend A helping hand to my back

Make my days a little shorter And my nights a little longer Lord, make my hammer a little lighter And my dollar a little stronger

And if there's anything
I can do for you, Lord
Let me know what's to be done
It shall be done
Well, goodnight, Lord

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