



Gordon's thought for the day made we wonder – have we always been so obsessed with the weather – and the answer is – of course. Just think of all those little phrases and sayings about the months of the year that people have been passing on to their children and children's, children over the centuries.

January brings the snow  
That makes our feet and fingers glow,

February fill-dyke

March winds and April showers  
Bring forth May flowers

Ne'er cast a clout  
'til May be out

And those about the sky

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight  
Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning

And there are loads more sayings about animals forecasting the weather – such as 'If bees stay near the hive clouds and rain will are sure to arrive'

Why this obsession with the weather – these two prayers from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer give us a clue

*For Rain.*

O GOD our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man: We give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*For fair Weather.*

O LORD God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change of weather: We praise and glorify thy holy Name for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Weather is life changing!