

GENEROUS GIVING PRAYERS

Preparation

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

God, from whom all good things come,
you shower us with blessings
and you make us stewards of your world;
give us generous hearts,
make us cheerful givers,
filled with desire to see the dawning
of the Kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Giving and Generosity

Giving God,
we receive so much from you,
and therefore have much to give.
Help us to share in the blessings of giving
as well as the happiness of receiving,
that your love may be more widely,
shared through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Heavenly Father,
you want us to be generous people offering
our time, our skills and abilities
and our money to your service.
Guard us from holding tight
when we should be letting go
and honouring you as Lord of all we have.
In your name we pray. Amen.

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

Abundant God,
you made us in your image
and breathed in us a spirit of generosity
that is both gift and response.
Move us, we pray, to give as we have received -
abundantly, generously, and joyfully,
that our common ministry may ever bear
witness to your unfailing grace.
In the name of the three
in whom we are one. Amen.

St. Ignatius Loyola

Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Living Christ,
you have known insecurity and poverty:
free us from the need to seek
the security of easy wealth.
Give us generous hearts,
that we may know the richness of your grace.
For your holy name's sake.
Amen.

God of abundance,
the author and giver of all good things,
grant us a gracious and humble heart,
that we may give you glory
through offering the First Fruits of our lives,
and grow more into the likeness
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lambeth Prayers

Sammi Tooze

Collects

God of awe and wonder,
creator of both night and day,
you count the number of the stars
and call them all by their names.
Help us to share and conserve its resources,
that we may grow in reverence for all creation
and live in harmony with one another;
through him who is the firstborn of all creation,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God,
through the expression of grace
your Son came not to be served but to serve.
Nurture in us generous hearts,
that, in word and action,
your glory may be revealed;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creator God,
you plant within us spiritual gifts,
and call us into one body in Christ;
help us to remember the privilege
of sharing in the ministry to the saints
that together, our giving may reveal your
goodness in the world;
through Christ, who is the head and
cornerstone. Amen.

Living God,
you are humble in generosity
and teach us to be the hands and feet of
Christ in the world.
May our light so shine before others,
in love, in truth, and in action,
that we may glorify your name
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God,
you have blessed us in Christ
through every spiritual blessing;
through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
that we may reflect your light,
and live and work to your praise and glory.
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Short prayers

We bless you, king of the universe,
for the wonderful order
which enfolds this world;
grant that your whole creation
may find fulfilment in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the richness of your creation, Lord,
and the mystery of your providence
lead us to that heavenly city
where all peoples will bring their wealth,
and find their true joy,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, creator Spirit, source of life,
sustain us in hope and faith,
for you are the Father's gift,
with him who gives the water of life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, you are just
and your commandments are eternal;
teach us to love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saving God,
open the gates of righteousness,
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple
on the cornerstone of our salvation,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Light Prayers

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Guide us in your ways, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice of praise
be worthy in your sight,
to the glory of your Son,
our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Lord of all,
as your love compels us,
grant us grace as we offer ourselves to you,
and learn to be Christ in the world,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Giving God,
we thank you for enriching us with every
good gift,
and pray that our gifts together
enable us to be Christ in the world;
in whose name we pray. Amen.

God, who is greater than our hearts,
help us to serve one another,
to reveal our faith through action,
by abiding in your love. Amen.

Generous God,
save us from the meanness
that calculates its interest
and hoards its earthly gain;
as we have freely received,
so may we freely give;
in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship Daily Prayer; Psalm 112

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
You create us in your image;
you gift us with the universe in all its wonder,
and all good things in earth and sky and sea.
You are our creator, the source of love and hope;
all creation sings to you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, fountain of life,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
When your people were thirsty in the wilderness,
you remained faithful
and abundantly provided water from the rock for
them to drink.
You visit the earth and water it,
you crown the year with goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
You are the giver of all good things,
gifting to us each new day,
your mercies are new every morning,
and we, your creatures, glorify you.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our Rock and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You walk with your pilgrim people:
make us to know your ways and teach us your paths.
You sow in our lives the joy that comes from sharing,
and teach us that the gift grows with giving.
You breathe in us gracious hearts,
and reveal to us the delight of outpouring generosity,
so that in your presence we sing;
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator and life-giver,
source of all that is and is to be;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You fashion us in your image,
and plant within our hearts the joy of giving.
You provide us with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
we may share abundantly in every good work;
as our hearts overflow
with many thanksgivings to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
overflowing in love.
Your Son gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he love us.
In the path of suffering,
his perfect sacrifice reveals to us
the purest expression of grace and love.
On a hill of darkness
he carried that judgement for the world:
greater love has no one than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
redeemer of the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
gracious and merciful,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Your Son is the true vine and source of life,
ever giving of himself that the world might live.
You teach us the way of holiness,
to walk as Christ walked,
and to love as Christ loved.
You choose us to be yours in Christ,
and bless us with every spiritual blessing,
and so we praise you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
generous and true,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From you comes every generous act of giving,
every good and perfect gift;
you call us into community
to share your the gifts with reverence and grace.
In fulfilment of your promise
you give us birth by the word of truth,
that as the first fruits of your new creation
we may glorify you for ever:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You supply strength to those who serve
and words to those who speak.
You teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves,
to be hospitable to one another
and to serve one another
with whatever gift we have received.
Through your wisdom,
we learn the joy of giving -
a pure expression of love and grace;
blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving

O God, our heavenly Father,
who so loved the world that you gave
your only Son to die upon the cross:
Pour your love into our hearts,
we humbly beseech you;
that we loving you above all things,
may give up ourselves, our time, our money,
our talents, to your service;
for the sake of him who loved us
and gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

John R W Stott

Heavenly Father, source of all life,
we thank you for the many ways
in which you have blessed and enriched our lives:
keep us from possessiveness and greed,
and lead us into the greater joy
of sharing your gifts with others.
Through Jesus Christ,
in whom is perfect peace. Amen.

Jenny Dann

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth
of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Book for Australia

Thanks be to thee,
my joy and my glory and my hope
and my God.
Thanks be to thee for thy gifts;
but do thou preserve them in me,
thus thou wilt preserve me,
and the things thou hast given me will
increase and be made perfect,
and I shall be with thee:
because even that I exist is thy gift.

Augustine of Hippo

Lord Jesus Christ,
creator and giver of the light of each day;
we bless you for your generous gifts,
and thank you for the time, talents, money,
and possessions you have entrusted to us.
May we use them wisely in your service.
Amen.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour
of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world,
for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.
We thank you for the blessing
of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.
We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those
disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge
our dependence on you alone.
Above all, we thank you for your Son,
Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word
and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying,
through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised
to the life of your kingdom.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

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Stewardship and creation

Generous and loving God,
we offer you thanks and praise
as we recognise that all we receive
comes from you.
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,
and caretakers of all you have
entrusted to us,
that with thankful hearts
our faithful stewardship
will bear witness to your glory.
In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Lord God,
make me a true steward of your bounty,
where there is a need – let me see it;
where there is abundance – let me share it;
where there is time – let me spend it;
and where there is treasure – let me use it
for your glory. Amen.

Christ Jesus,
as you had compassion on the starving multitudes,
let that mind be in us also which was in you,
that we may have the will and the wisdom
to work until all be fed, to your glory and
through your grace and love. Amen.

Michael Counsell; Prayers for Sundays

Eternal God,
open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our
sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life
in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Book for Australia

Time and talents

Almighty God,
whose Holy Spirit equips the Church
with a rich variety of gifts;
grant that we may use them
to bear witness to Christ
by lives built on faith and love.
Make us ready to live his gospel
and eager to do his will,
that we may share with all your Church
in the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father,
you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ
that all our possessions come from you:
help us to be faithful stewards of our time,
our talents and our wealth,
and to consecrate gladly to your service
a due proportion for all that you have given us.
Take us and make us your own;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have our time
and skills to offer.

Fruit of our lives and experience.
They will become tools to be used
for your glory.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Stewardship Network Resource Book

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