

Generous Churches Prayer

Heavenly Father,
as we seek to grow as Generous Churches Making and Nurturing
Disciples:

Help us to fix our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:
and grow in Christ-likeness.

Help us to be salt that does not lose its taste:
and grow in influence.

Help us to work together as members of one body:
and grow in partnership.

Help us to make disciples of all people:
and grow in numbers.

Help us to give you first place in everything:
and grow in our commitment to Christ.

May your kingdom come, and your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
**For yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

A HYMN or SONG may be included here

Closing Prayer

Now to him who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

May we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Service of Commitment

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth:

All Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into his presence with singing:

All Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

Enter and his courts with praise:

All Give thanks to him and bless his name.

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Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 3.14-22

Prayer of Response

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the faithful and true witness,
the origin of God's creation.
We come to you to buy gold:
that we may be rich.
We come to you to be clothed with white robes:
that our nakedness may not be seen.
We come to you to buy salve to put on our eyes:
that we may see.
Transform us from our lukewarmness.
Come into our lives that we may eat with you and you with us.
So may we conquer
and receive a place with you on your throne,
where you are seated in glory.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33

Silence for reflection and preparation

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you for dying on the cross to free us from our sin.
Thank you for the gift of forgiveness,
for the gift of new life,
and for the promise of the Holy Spirit.
I am willing to turn away from all that I know is wrong
and to make you Lord of my life.
I admit that my commitment to you
has often been lukewarm
and that I need your forgiveness.
As you knock at the door of my life,
I now open the door.
Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit.
Come in to save me and to lead me,
come in to be with me for ever.
Help me to be committed to you
in faith and obedience
and to serve you all for the remaining years of my life.
Thank you, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is
our peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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