



## Generosity and Stewardship 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.

### 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.

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.

*St. Ignatius Loyola*

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.

*Lambeth Prayers*

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.

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.

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.

*Episcopal Diocese of Washington*

## Thanksgiving

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.

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*

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*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants  
give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness and loving kindness.  
We bless you for your creation, preservation,  
and above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace and for  
the hope of glory.  
And give us, we pray, such a sense  
of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness, all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Prayer of General Thanksgiving*

## 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*