

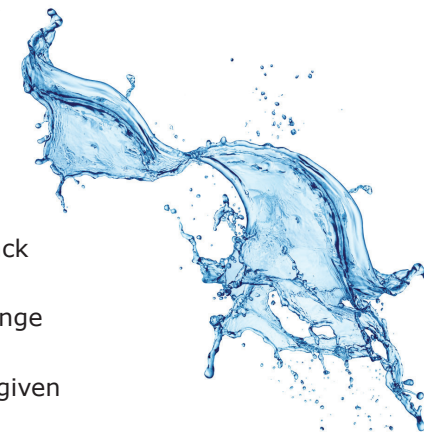
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 We your unworthy servants  
 give you most humble and hearty thanks  
 for all your goodness to us and to all people.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption 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 all honour and glory  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

*The General Prayer of Thanksgiving*

All generous God, you poured yourself out in creation, were totally spent in Christ's death on the cross, and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Diocese of Blackburn*

Heavenly Father, give grace to us,  
 the living stones who form your Church,  
 to reflect prayerfully at this special time  
 on our love for you and our neighbour.  
 Make us mindful of the many gifts You  
 bestow upon us and we ask that your  
 Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us  
 in our choice of giving;  
 remembering that we are only giving back  
 that which is truly yours.  
 Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge  
 according to your will.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given  
 all that we may live. Amen.



*Giving in Grace*

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught about building treasure in heaven rather than on earth, teach us to be content when our needs are satisfied rather than our wants, and grant us wisdom to be faithful stewards. Amen.

*Church of England*

We give what we have, but not all -  
 help us to be more generous.  
 We serve as we are called -  
 help us to see when you are calling us further.  
 We love within our limits -  
 help us to break down those barriers.  
 So that we may love and serve you and give wholeheartedly.  
 In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Loving God, we give thanks to you for all that you have given to us;  
Help us to love you and others that we will want to give generously  
to support the work of your church in our own parish, this diocese,  
throughout the Church of England, and all over the world. Amen.

*Diocese of Blackburn*

God our Father, make us to think more of what we can give to life  
and less of what we can get out of it. May we be mindful that  
we hold our gifts, our talents, our possessions, our life itself,  
in trust for you and the service of mankind. Save us from thinking  
only of our own needs and desires; and help us to remember that  
it is more blessed to give than receive, according to the teaching of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

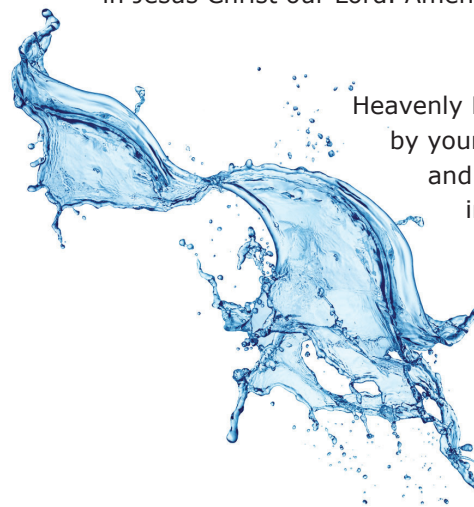
*Frank Colquhoun*

Almighty God our heavenly Father,  
You are bountiful in your love for us,  
you shower us generously with all that we need,  
you give us forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus.  
By your grace, give us generous hearts  
That we may declare your goodness  
And offer our lives back to you in thankful worship.  
For the sake of him who came among us as  
Your gift of love, the same  
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Source unknown*

Lord God, we live in disturbing days,  
across the world,  
prices rise,  
debts increase,  
markets are in turmoil,  
jobs are taken away,  
and fragile security is under threat.  
Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer,  
be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,  
and a light in the darkness;  
help us receive your gift of peace,  
and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Church of England*



Heavenly Father,  
by your Spirit you work in us both the desire  
and the strength to fulfil your purpose  
in our lives:  
grant us the grace of  
generous hearts and open hands  
that our living and our giving may  
be acceptable in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

Heavenly Father,  
we see your boundless grace  
in every part of creation,  
and most especially do we see it in Jesus.  
Pour your grace into our hearts  
so that it overflows in our lives  
and makes us generous people.  
We make our prayer in the precious name of Jesus,  
Lord and Saviour of creation. Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

Loving Father,  
you have called us to be your people,  
poured out your goodness on us,  
and called us to be stewards  
of all that you have entrusted to us;  
give us grace to enjoy all your gifts to us,  
and to handle them with integrity  
because they come from you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

God our Father, in love you are always giving to us;  
you gave life in creation and hope to your people  
Israel; you have given us all things in Jesus  
and your presence among us  
through the gift of your Holy Spirit.  
Open our hearts to enjoy all you have given  
and our hands to share generously of what is yours;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

Generous God,  
we know that all that we have is yours:  
save us from the delusion of believing it is ours;  
save us from our possessiveness,  
that your grace may abound  
in all things at all times;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Lambeth Prayers (ACC/SPCK 1998)*

Lord Jesus, grant that as through your saving grace  
we have become rich in many ways,  
So may we have joy in sharing our riches,  
Within your church, for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

*Central Board of Finance*

Father of all,  
you loved the world so much  
that you gave your only Son,  
and you pour out your Spirit  
in a continuing activity of grace.  
May we be so caught up in the richness of your grace  
that our own giving is renewed  
and our own selves refreshed by the living water of Jesus,  
in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

*Source unknown*

Heavenly Father, your love for us is beyond measure  
and you provide for our every need.  
Help us to offer you in worship  
a due proportion of our wealth,  
for all we are and have is rightly yours.  
We make our prayer in the precious name of Jesus,  
Lord and Saviour of creation. Amen.

*Source unknown*

Our Church is made up of people like us.  
We make it what it is.  
It will be filled with inspiring worship  
if we are there and ready to meet with you, Lord.  
It will be a community where disciples are made  
if we are willing to grow in love for you and our neighbours.  
It will bring about a transformation of the community  
if our vision is a growing church,  
that makes a real difference to people's lives.  
Therefore with your help,  
let us dedicate ourselves to the task  
of being all the things you want us to be. Amen.

*The Diocese of Coventry*

Infinite Lord and Eternal God  
rouse your church in this place,  
restore your people's sense of mission  
and revive your work in holiness and strength.  
By your Spirit teach us to give  
our energy, our time, our money,  
our service and our prayer:  
that your Kingdom may be advanced  
here and in all the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

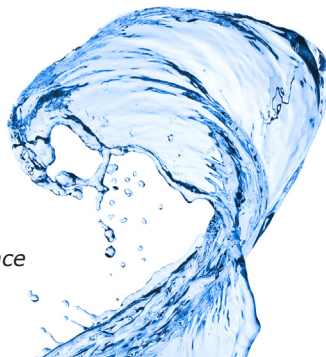
*The Church in Wales*

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the abundance of your love,  
for all that you give us through Jesus.  
May we show forth in our lives the generosity  
which flows to us from you;  
make us warm hearted and generous people.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

Heavenly Father,  
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.  
We make our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who died that we might live. Amen

*Central Board of Finance*



Lord, we know all things come from you,  
And we thank you for the particular material resources  
entrusted to us.  
Make us wise stewards, we pray,  
so we do not lavish our cash on passing glamour,  
but rather invest earthly gifts  
according to eternal values. Amen.

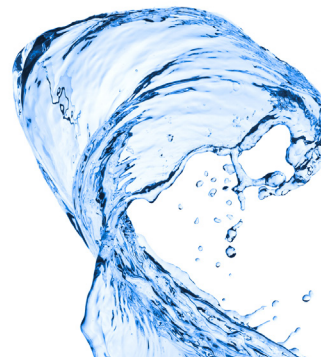
*Giving in Grace*

Almighty God our Father, we belong to you.  
All that we have comes from you.  
Our family and friends,  
our health and life,  
our possessions and energy,  
our leisure and abilities.  
Help us to share in the blessings of giving  
as well as in the happiness of receiving.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

*Source unknown*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your incarnation you  
sanctified material things  
to be the means of your grace:  
grant us a right attitude to money,  
and a generous heart in the use  
of the wealth committed to us,  
that by our stewardship we may  
glorify you, with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen.

*Central Board of Finance*



Lord, you have entrusted us with the fullness of all that you have given and empowered us with the presence of your Holy Spirit: grant to us joy in our stewardship, generosity in our giving, trust in your promises, and confidence in Christ when our deeds are judged; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Giving in Grace*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for all the gifts you have given us:  
our lives, our loved ones,  
all that we have and all that we are.  
Most of all, we thank you for Jesus,  
your Son and our Redeemer,  
who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.  
Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts,  
showing that complete trust in you is necessary,  
and that giving of self is a most important part of following him.  
May the offerings of our time, our talents, our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us. Amen.

*Source unknown*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive.  
Pour into our hearts the spirit of your own abundant generosity,  
that we may be glad to share with others  
what we ourselves have so richly received  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Diocese of Salisbury*

God our Father,  
without your love and forgiveness  
we would shrivel and die;  
by the enabling of your Spirit,  
help us to be channels to others  
of all that you so generously extend to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.



*Giving in Grace*

Reshape us, good Lord,  
until in generosity, in faith,  
and in the expectation that the best is yet to come,  
we are truly Christ-like.  
Make us passionate followers of Jesus,  
rather than passive supporters.  
Make our churches places of radical discipleship  
and signposts to heaven,  
then, in us, through us,  
and if need be despite us,  
let your kingdom come. Amen.

*A Prayer from the Iona Community*

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

*Lambeth Prayers (adapted ACC/SPCK 1998)*

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands;

in love we seek to do your perfect will;

with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own but yours.

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things,

wherever you may place me,

in all that I do and in all that I endure;

when there is work for me and when there is none;

when I am troubled and when I am at peace.

Your will be done when I am valued;

and when I am disregarded;

when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;

when I have all things and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all that I have and am

to serve you where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours.

May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth,

be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

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# Overflowing with Thanksgiving

A collection of Stewardship Prayers



...for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

*2 Corinthians 9:12*