

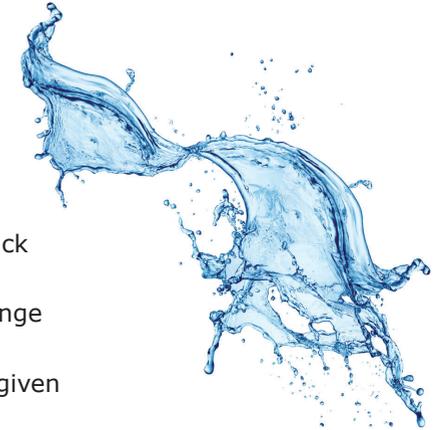
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants
give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness to us and to all people.
We bless you for our creation, preservation
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world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

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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