



A GIVING PROGRAMMER FOR SMALLER, RURAL CHURCHES

PRAYER RESOURCES

It is important to surround a giving review with prayer, both collectively, and to encourage individuals to pray about their giving. Here are some prayer resources to help:

Father of all, help me to see that the work of the church is my responsibility.
If the work needs time – I will find time
If the work needs money – I will find money
If the work needs me – I will be there.
Lord God, we pray for the rich, that they may seek guidance to use their money for your glory.
We pray for the poor, that their needs will not makethem forgetful of their need for you.
We pray for all those whose business is money, that they remember true stewardship. Amen

Firm Foundations, Diocese of Lichfield

O generous Father
giver of all good gifts
we thank you for our church life
and all that this means to us.

O generous Son
who said it is more blessed to give than to receive
may we respond with generous hearts
to the needs of our church.

O generous Spirit
Pour your blessings upon our Stewardship Initiative
that our church may be strengthened
for its future ministry and mission. Amen

Hilary Murphy, Holy Trinity Kendal

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand.
Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

Archdiocese of Chicago

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.

Marjorie Dobson, From 'First Fruits – a worship anthology'

We hand you our gifts on a plate, you gave us your love on a cross.

Help us to reconcile the difference between our giving and yours, for Jesus' and the world's sake. Amen

Marjorie Dobson, From 'First Fruits – a worship anthology'

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.

Archbishops' Council

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

Church of Scotland

Generous God, by your grace you have given all that we have, and all that we are; help us to be faithful stewards of that which is entrusted to us; time, talents and wealth, and to consecrate gladly to your service a due proportion in gratitude for all that you have given to us, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.