

Prayers of Generosity

Opening words:

God is good

All the time.

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You are
the life I live,
the joy I share,
the peace I bring,
the love I show,
the prayer I pray,
the song I sing.

Prayers of Life, John Birch.

Confession

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 with a sincere and true heart.

We confess to you
Our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
Our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Prayers

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.

Diocese of York

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 Ignatious Loyola

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.

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With reference to the feeding of the 5000,

God of the barley loaf,
God of the boy,
God of the fish,
And God of the humble brother;
When we do not have enough,
may we use what we have
to do what we can.
Because a small boy did this,
and generosity listened. Amen.

Corrymeela Community

In your presence, Lord,
we offer all we have -
our loaves and fish -
that in your hands
they may be used
and multiplied,
our faith increase,
and other lives
be fed and satisfied.

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Blessing

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour
He has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and forever. Amen.**

And the blessing.....