



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.