



2 Corinthians Liturgical Resources

Week One

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

LITURGY

Opening Sentence

For just as you excel in all things, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness and in our love for you, excel also in this grace of giving

2 Cor 8:7

Penitence

Lord, you are the fullness of grace and truth.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You made yourself poor, that we might become rich.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You came to fashion us into your holy people.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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Collect

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.

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Lord Jesus Christ,
through your cross and resurrection
you have shared our poverty that we might share your riches;
Grant that your grace might transform our weakness
and that our hearts may be moved to generosity by the example
of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Intercessions

We pray for grace to live and to give like Jesus, saying:
Lord, in your graciousness, **grant us your grace and love.**

Father God, we pray for your church in those parts of the world
where there is persecution and poverty. Through your gracious
love strengthen the hope, the hearts and the lives of your
people as they bear witness to your love in difficult
circumstances. Especially we pray for ...
Lord, in your graciousness, **grant us your grace and love.**

Father God, we pray for our own church here; for our brothers
and sisters in our local churches and for our Diocese. Through

your gracious love renew in us the sense of privilege in our
calling to serve you and our willingness to give generously to
resource the ministry of your church both here and in places of
deepest need. Especially we pray for ...

Lord, in your graciousness **Grant us your grace and love**

Father God, we pray for those we know who are struggling with
illness of in heart, body or mind. Through your gracious love
hold and sustain them in their weakness, grant them peace and
comfort them through the presence and the prayers of family
and friends and of this congregation. Especially we pray for....
Lord, in your graciousness, **grant us your grace and love.**

Father God, by your cross and resurrection you conquered
death yet taught us by your own tears to weep at the death of
those we love. We pray for those who grieve for one they have
loved and lost. In the midst of sorrow grant them the assurance
of your gentle presence and the rich hope of heaven.
Lord, in your graciousness, **grant us your grace and love.**

Offertory

Lord Jesus, in bringing this gift of money
we offer our grateful thanks,
for all that we have comes from you;
in receiving these gifts of bread and wine
we long to be filled with the richness of your life and love.
in our giving and receiving this day
grant that we might know your grace and be renewed in
generosity.

Post communion prayer

Dear Father God, your love is constant.
We rejoice in the gift of your Son,
who became poor that we might become rich.
Thank you for giving us the rich food
of his body and blood.
By your Spirit enable us to respond cheerfully, all our days.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Blessing

May God who gives us all things for our blessing
and has given us everything in Christ
make you generous in your giving. **Amen**

May Christ who by his poverty has made us rich
strengthen you to serve and to share with thanksgiving. **Amen**

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May the Holy Spirit who dwells in the hearts of God's people
gently test the genuineness of your love
and fill your hearts with gladness and grace. **Amen**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen,**

