



Giving In Grace Prayer

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

The General Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.



Prayer 1

Leader: *Lord God, Holy Father, since you have called us through Christ to share in this gracious Covenant, we take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and, for love of you, engage ourselves to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but yours.*

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
Rank me with whom you will;
Put me to doing, put me to suffering;
Let me employed for you or laid aside for you.
Exalted for you, or brought low for you;
Let me be full, let me empty;
Let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly
yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.

So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*Closing prayer of the annual
Covenant Service of the Methodist Church*

Prayer 2

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

Prayer 3

Reshape us, good Lord,
until in generosity, in faith, and in
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.