

FRIDAY

I will not sacrifice to the Lord burnt offerings that cost me nothing. (1 Sam 24:24)

Please pray

That as we make our response to Giving in Grace our giving will speak of all that God has done for us and is working in us and through us.

Heavenly Father,
all our possessions come from you:
help us to be faithful stewards of our time,
our talents and our wealth,
and to consecrate gladly
to your service a due proportion
for all that you have given us.
We make our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who died that we might live. Amen.

SATURDAY

... God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Tim 6:17)

Please pray

That today we remember and give thanks for life and love and leisure, for time spent alone and with those whose gift of life enriches ours.

Almighty God our Father, we belong to you
All that we have comes from you
Our family and friends
Our health and life
Our possessions and energy
Our leisure and abilities.
Help us to share in the blessing of giving as well as the happiness of receiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SUNDAY

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. (1 Chron 29:11,14)

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

Iona Community

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done when I am valued;
and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfillment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all that I have and am to serve you where you choose.
Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so forever.
Let this covenant now made on earth,
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

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SUNDAY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (2 Cor 8:9)

All generous God, you poured yourself out in creation, were totally spent in Christ's death on the cross, and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray

That by the grace of God we grow in our trust in God's provision and in generosity as God's people.

Lord God, we live in disturbing days, across the world, prices rise, debts increase, markets are in turmoil, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer, be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church of England

MONDAY

Remember the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth. (Deut 8:18)

Please pray

That we will acknowledge God as the giver of all we have and ourselves as caretakers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Loving Father, you have called us to be your people, poured out your goodness on us, and called us to be stewards of all that you have entrusted to us; give us grace to enjoy all your gifts to us, and to handle them with integrity because they come from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY

Be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share... and take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Tim 6:19)

Please pray

That we may each look to the good we can do and our opportunities to be generous as we seek to be truly alive in Christ.

Heavenly Father, by your Spirit you work in us both the desire and the strength to fulfil your purpose in our lives. Grant us the grace of generous hearts and open hands that our living and our giving may be acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not what one does not have. (2 Cor 8:12)

Please pray

For ourselves today as we consider our own giving and our response to Giving in Grace.

Father of all, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, and you pour out your Spirit in a continuing activity of grace. May we be so caught up in the richness of your grace that our own giving is renewed and our own selves refreshed by the living water of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THURSDAY

They asked that we should remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. (Gal 2:10)

Please pray

That we remember and pray for the poor in our own community and country and for justice and hope for the many millions in God's abundant world who live on less than £1 a day.

Christ Jesus, as you had compassion on the starving multitudes, let that mind be in us also which was in you, that we may have the will and the wisdom to work until all be fed, to your glory and through your grace and love. Amen.

(Michael Counsell)