A Collection of Liturgy Resources

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1. Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing. Today is the day of salvation. Here is the path to new life. Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing. For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.

2. Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us. God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken. God is good and in God’s work we find our strength. We sing of all God’s wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord!

3. Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Let all God’s children rejoice in their king. Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God’s holy name. Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

4. On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God, from generation to generation, we praise your holy name. Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children, for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives. As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

5. Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us be glad this day, for life, for breath and for freedom of worship. Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord. We come to offer our gifts of praise and gratitude to the King of Creation.

6. God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay. We can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word. We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

7. God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! Your glory is sung by all of your creation! When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder — Who are we that you care for us and for this world? You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honor to serve you all our days. O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

8. Throughout God’s world this day, Christian churches are celebrating Communion as one family. Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, South America, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation. In Christ’s love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all. Praise be to Christ our Savior! Amen.
9. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
   Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
   Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
   For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
   We begin in the name of the Lord who made us.
   Let us sing and worship together as we praise God’s holy name.

10. Let us worship the name of our wonderful God
    The Lord reigns over all creation
    The voice of God creates all things,
    Nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.
    May God give strength to all who gather here today
    May the Lord bless us with peace

11. Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.
    Amen.
    And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.
    Amen.
    The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
    Amen.

12. Shout for joy! The savior is here.
    Sing with gladness! Our darkness is turned into light.
    Let every heart prepare a space. Let every home make ready. For a new day has dawned.
    The world has been made new. The savior has been born. Sing with joy!

13. God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
    Thanks be to God.
    God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.
    Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

14. Happy are the people whose God is the Lord
    Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
    Every day I will bless you, Loving God, and praise your name forever and ever
    We worship the God who has conquered sin and death, who is raised to eternal life, and who claims us each one as brothers and sisters with our Lord, Jesus Christ

15. Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
    Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
    Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
    He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
16. **By grace we have been saved through faith.**
   And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.
   For we are God’s handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,
   works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.
   Praise the Lord!
   The Lord’s name be praised.

17. **We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.**
   Members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.
   There are no outsiders here among us.
   No one has any special standing or bragging rights.
   We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
   Let us all join together in worship!

18. **We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.**
   Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.
   We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.
   We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.
   We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God’s love.
   Let our joy resound through singing, teaching and reflecting on the word.

19. **Come to hear the Word.**
   **Come to do the Word.**
   **Come to experience Comfort**
   **Come to experience Challenge.**
   **Come to find Cost.**
   **Come to find Joy.**
   **Come to find Humanity.**
   **Come to find Community.**
   **Come to find Church.**
   **Come to find God.**

20. **Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that is.**
    **Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that will be.**
    **Blessed are you, O God, who made us in your image.**
    Let us remember what our God has done! Praise be to God!

21. **Lord, as we gather together, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.**
    May we, like you, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.
    You forgive us each and every day for the many ways we fall short of your mercy.
    Teach us to embody your grace, your love, your mercy and your forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

22. **Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!**
    **Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!**
    How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.
    All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
    **Come, let us worship God.**
23. We do not live by bread alone, 
   but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 
   Jesus said, “If anyone wants to follow me, 
   let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily.” 
   Praise the Lord! 
   The Lord’s name be praised!

   We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation. 
   Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live with Christ. 
   We give thanks for Christ’s saving work.

25. In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth. 
   Christ dwells among us and is one with us. 
   Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. 
   He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary. 
   Come now, all who thirst, and drink of the water of life. 
   Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things. 
   Come now, all who seek, 
   and encounter the abundant love of the almighty God.

26. O Sing to the Lord a new song; 
   Sing to the Lord, all the earth! 
   For behold, I am doing a new thing, says your God. 
   And this we long to see and embrace. 
   Do not be afraid, says your God. 
   We come before our God with expectancy and hope! Come, let us worship God.

27. The magi came from far away, following a star. 
   We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives. 
   The magi brought gifts to offer the child. 
   We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams. 
   Shepherds and the magi—the meek and the mighty—all were welcome in Bethlehem. 
   We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.

28. The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole 
   We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope. 
   The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers 
   We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God’s people. 
   The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children 
   We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

29. Praise the Lord! 
   I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. 
   Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. 
   Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. 
   He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds. 
   The Lord is gracious and merciful.
30. Let us give thanks to the Lord with willing hearts, offering praise and glory to the God who sustains our very being.

Great are God’s works; the ways of the Lord are studied by all who delight in them.  
The deeds of the Lord are full of majesty and splendor; God performs acts of justice and mercy across the whole earth.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; may thanks and praise endure among God’s people forever!

31. At all times I will bless the Lord.  
God’s praise will be in my mouth continually, and I will shout ‘Alleluia!’  
Celebrate the greatness of the Lord with me.  
Let us exalt God’s mighty name together.

32. God is the high and exalted One, whose name is Holy, who lives forever.  
God says, “I dwell in a high and holy place, but I also live with those who are broken and humble in spirit,  
To revive the spirit of the humble and to restore the courage of the broken.”  
Let us sing in praise of our creator.

33. When the world divides us,  
Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.  
When the world calls us orphaned,  
Come, Holy Spirit, make us a family.  
When the world leads us astray,  
Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come and fill this place.

34. In God’s realm, weakness becomes strength.  
Emptiness becomes complete.  
Fear grows into courage.  
The foolish learn wisdom.  
The wise learn God’s foolishness.  
The great are humbled, and the humble are lifted up.  
In God’s steadfast love, all things are made whole.  
We will worship the God of wisdom and truth. Let us sing before the Lord glad songs of thanksgiving.

35. Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart.  
Great are the works of the Lord. They are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wonders to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and compassionate.  
He provides food for those who fear him.  
He remembers his covenant forever.
36. Bless the Lord at all times.  
   May God’s praise be continually in my mouth.  
   Magnify the Lord with me.  
   Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.  
   Seek the Lord and be filled.  
   For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
   Happy are those who take refuge in God.  
   taste and see that the Lord is good!

37. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
   my rock in whom I take refuge,  
   my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
   We love you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

38. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
   and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.  
   For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations,  
   the Lord who rules over us and provides for us all. Let us worship God.

39. The work of the Creator is visible.  
   Let us respond with praise.  
   The example of Jesus is apparent.  
   Let us respond with obedience.  
   The wind of the Spirit is blowing.  
   Let us respond with joy.  
   The word of God is calling.  
   Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

40. Praise the Lord, you who worship the Lord; stand in awe of God, and give glory to the Lord.  
   For the Lord does not despise the poor and needy, but when they cry out, God answers them.  
   The hungry shall eat and be satisfied, and those who love the Lord shall offer praise.  
   All the ends of the earth shall worship God, for the Lord rules over every nation.

41. With what shall I come before the Lord?  
   I will give God my first and my best.  
   I will not offer to the Lord that which has cost me nothing,  
   but will return to God every good and perfect gift. Great is God’s faithfulness!

42. In the presence of God, we gather  
   People burdened and looking for comfort, whose spirits need a makeover.  
   Like little children, we surround God  
   Hoping for that touch which will refresh us; longing to be embraced in arms of love.  
   We look, and find a feast has been prepared for us  
   Bread which will give us life anew; the cup which overflows with grace and hope.

43. Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.  
   We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.  
   Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.  
   Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.
44. We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.
   May God’s loving presence be a strong influence in our life.
   Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.
   We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.
   As we grow in faith, trust and love for God;
   may our worship, witness and service bring honor to God’s Holy Name.

45. We are all one family, made in the image of God.
   We are all one family, all over the world.
   We are all one family, each unique, each special.
   We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.
   We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.
   We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.

46. Christ came to be our King.
   We have come to be Christ’s people.
   The King of Kings calls us to follow.
   We have come to follow him.
   Christ is our King.
   And we are his people.

47. Come, let us worship Almighty God.
   Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.
   Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.
   Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.
   Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.
   Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.

48. Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.
   Amen.
   And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.
   Amen.
   The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
   Amen.

49. I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
   Our God is loving and true, steadfast and faithful.
   How blessed we are to be called children of God,
   To worship God who is with us always.

50. Throughout the ages, Christians have gathered each week to worship God together.
   We gather to sing, to pray and to rejoice.
   We gather to ask God for healing for our brokenness.
   We gather to help each other through hard times, and celebrate in the good times.
   We gather to learn and study and discuss God’s holy word.
   We gather to learn how to tell others about this place, about our God, and about the wonderful things God does in our lives.
   We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessings.
   Let us sing praise to our Lord, the almighty King of creation.
51. How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity,
   Adults and children, parents and teens, grandparents and infants.
   It is like laughter at a family reunion where everyone celebrates their family ties.
   In family, we see yesterday’s vision unfolding and tomorrow’s promise revealed.
   We celebrate at this moment with all people in this room, in this nation, and in this world.
   We worship now as a family of God. Let us sing to God our songs of unity and praise.

52. In these moments, in this family of faith, the God of gentleness gathers us together.
   Hoping that our self-righteous anger might become passionate justice for others.
   In this place, in that Body shaped by his grace, Christ, the Bread of life, calls us to service.
   Hoping our comfort level of complacency might be transformed into compassion for the needy all around us.
   In our hearts, our mouths, our actions, the Spirit of holiness gifts us with truth,
   Hoping our comfort level of complacency might be transformed into compassion for the needy all around us.
   In our hearts, our mouths, our actions, the Spirit of holiness gifts us with truth,
   Hoping our faltering, fumbling words might be transfigured into good news.

53. We meet in different buildings; in different towns.
   We speak different languages and sing different hymns.
   We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.
   Yet, as we gather together for worship today, we become one body, one family in Christ.
   We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God’s will is done.
   Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day.

54. Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding feast.
   God, transform our lives from ordinary into extraordinary.
   Jesus made the blind to see, the deaf to hear and even the dead to rise.
   God, set our eyes, our ears and our spirit toward you, so that we may better understand you.
   With the wave of his hand, Jesus calmed the storm.
   God, every day miracles happen by your hand. Help us to see them and to be open to receiving them.

55. Your light has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others.
   Lord, have mercy on us.
   You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not lived as your faithful people.
   Christ, have mercy on us.
   You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have hidden our light under a bushel.
   Lord, have mercy on us.
   Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your new creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
   Thanks be to God! Amen.

56. Sisters and brothers, we come together to worship God who offers us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ.
   For Christ has set us free from sin and death that we might live to God’s glory and praise.
   We have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear;
   We have received the living Christ that we might be children of God.
   Come, let us worship the Lord!
57. After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted. Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful. Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations. Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

58. We have needed the light of Christ
   As it shines through our darkest moments.
   We have seen the light of God
   As it illuminates the joys and blessings in our lives.
   We have felt the light of the spirit
   As it moves and guides us on our path.

59. In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,
   Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.
   In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,
   Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.
   In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,
   Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.
   In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,
   Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.
Opening Prayers and Prayers of Confession

1. All-knowing God, you look not only upon our deeds but also upon our hearts. It is in a spirit of reconciliation with one another that we bring our offering this day, remembering this to be your command. By the power of your Holy Spirit, use these gifts to serve those in need. Amen.

2. All-knowing God, we come to you this day knowing we have sinned. We have sought after possessions that would please us, but we know our happiness is only temporary. We have sought to worship idols of laziness, luxury, and prestige. We have sought power over others at their expense, yet we have not found the happiness we were seeking. Remind us again that we must choose life and not death, we must choose you over what others tempt us to do and to be. We must choose forgiveness over harboring grudges and hate. Deliver us from temptation and evil this day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

3. Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts up to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your unending presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have thought about giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

4. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. Almighty God, you are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of your tender care. We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew your peace within us, that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy. We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.
8. Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

9. Compassionate God, whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite, hear your children’s prayer, and grant us your mercy. For unholy thoughts and words, for impure motives, for any scorn of goodness and indifference to beauty, for trifling with the truth and being petty when we could be gracious, forgive us. For the wrong we have done our neighbors, for silence in the face of violence, for neglect of generosity, for ingratitude, for failure in pursuing justice, for ignoring others’ pain, forgive us. For lack of love toward you, for doubt in your goodness, for slowness of faith to follow Jesus, forgive us. We gather now to worship and praise you and we thank you for your never-ending mercy and grace. Amen.

10. Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

11. Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—and there was light, your first creation. You delight in your creation. You spread your colors of reds and golds, purples and greens for all to see. But we get caught up in speeding through life, looking for quick and easy answers, intent on accomplishing more, yet somehow enjoying less. Open our eyes to the wonder all around. Spin us around to see and appreciate. Let music touch our hearts and laughter fill our souls. Slow us down enough to marvel at the splendor around us and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Stir us to be a community of joy, a people of praise, a center of healing, and a gathering committed to your truth. Amen.

12. Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of this truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

13. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior’s coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestowed, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

14. Father, I know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and grateful heart that only you can give. Help me not to focus so much on the material possessions that I lose sight of that which is of vital importance. May the character of my soul and the fruit of my actions be of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture my attention. I look to you for proper balance in the things you have blessed me with and the attitude in which I receive these good things from your hands. Amen.
15. Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are hoarding when we could be generous and doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

16. God of all creation and creatures, who in love made an everlasting covenant with us, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have been willful and prideful. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Return us from the wilderness to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

17. God of all, you love each one of us and you grieve the way we hurt one another. Forgive us. Forgive us for our narrowness and prejudice, our quick tempers and stingy grace, our attention to the faults of others and blindness to our own. Help us be the people you created us to be. Help us live together in peace, loving and caring for one another as you love and care for us all. We ask it in Christ’s name. Amen.

18. God of all, you love us beyond compare and are faithful to us even when we turn away. You are patient and wise, caring and just. We admit that we are not worthy of your love for us or deserving of your good favor. We have ignored your will, treated others of your children with disdain, and failed to be grateful for your mercy and blessings. Forgive us once again. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, for we ask it in Christ’s name. Amen.

19. God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom, we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they finish their course of study. We thank you for those who worked beside them and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Take away any anxiety they may have about purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills. Instill in them a confidence in their future you plan, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

20. God of truth, you have spoken your Word to us and in us but we have not listened to you. We have not been mindful of your presence or attentive to your voice. Have mercy on us, forgive us now, and create us anew. We open ourselves to your word. Amen.

21. God who comes to us in love, we come now in confession and repentance. You call us to love and serve others, but we cling to self-interest and small-mindedness. We pursue our own way and seek to prosper ourselves. Despite your generosity and comfort, we are too full of complaints toward you and those around us. Despite your compassion and love for us and all people, we are too full of judgment and fear. Though we come seeking your forgiveness for all the ways we sin, we hoard the forgiveness that others would ask of us. Forgive us, welcome us, and reconcile us to you and one another, we pray. Amen.

22. God, our Creator, we give you thanks for those who have been fathers/mothers for us. Help us inherit from them that which will make us more fully your people. Where they have offered us blessings of love, may we incorporate those gifts into our lives. Where they have hurt us or fallen short of our expectations, may we learn from them that we might not repeat their mistakes. May the honor we convey toward our fathers/mothers reflect the honor that we feel toward you. Amen.
23. God, you are the giver of every good gift. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude. We confess we always want more. We resent what we lack and are jealous of those who seem to have more. Forgive us for not taking pleasure in all the goodness you have showered upon our lives. In Jesus, you have shown us how to live in humility and service. Renew our spirit that we might be his faithful disciples, giving praise and thanksgiving always. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

24. God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen.

25. Good and gracious God, you are always ready to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We confess our failure to keep the lines of communication open. We pray when trouble mounts around us, when pain assaults us, when we have nowhere else to turn. We fail to give you thanks for all our many blessings; instead we take them for granted or give ourselves credit we do not deserve. Open our eyes to your presence in our lives. Help us always to be grateful. Increase our faith in your providential care and our desire to strengthen our relationship with you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our intercessor and Lord. Amen.

26. Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

27. Great and ever present God, whose mercy is an unexpected miracle: in Jesus Christ you offer your presence at all times and in all places and conditions. Yet we confess that so often we do not recognize you and your work that is in everything. Forgive us for the many ways we fail you. Teach us how to forgive and accept each other. Fill us with new life and renewed hope that you promise us all in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

28. Great God of all, we come into your presence humbled by your majesty and ashamed of the many ways we fall short of your desires for our lives. You create us to live in community, yet we distance ourselves from one another. You call us to follow you, yet we shirk our responsibilities. We expect much from you, and want to give little of ourselves. Turn us away from sin and toward you. Strengthen our faith and our obedience, that our lives may show forth your praise. In Christ’s name we ask it. Amen.

29. Great God of waves and flames, are we wet enough to burn brightly? As we gather today to celebrate the baptism of our Lord, set your seal upon our hearts, wash our sin-stained robes righteous, and cool our tempers and angers while fueling our desire for justice. Make us be living water and living flames to give relief to those who thirst and to bring light to those who sit in darkness. As you did in Elijah's day, rain down flames upon us, O God, so that we may be wet enough to burn brightly. Amen.

30. Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.
31. Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. Amen.

32. In every season, God of love and goodness, your steadfast love sustains us. You have brought us here, invited us to become a community of faith, called us to remember that we live and breathe only by the power of your grace in our lives. In this season of harvest, our hearts are full of gratitude for what your hand has so generously provided us. On this day of promise, then, we look to the future with hope, opening ourselves to your Spirit at work in our lives. Be present with us this day and in this time of worship, we pray. Amen.

33. In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver. O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

34. Jesus prayed that we might be one; one in spirit, one in mission, and one in communion with each other. God, we confess fumblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for all of us. Amen.

35. Lord God Almighty, to those who follow the Lord Jesus, your spirit gives gifts to use in your service. May our use of these many gifts always serve to glorify your name, witness to your compassion, and bring good to others. We pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.

36. Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

37. Lord, cast out our sin and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures. Then, fill our lives with your love. Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose as we serve to make the earth a better place in which to live, a world where nature and humanity can live in harmony. We pray that in this summer season, your Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts and fill our lives with love. Before you, O God, our lives are exposed and all our needs are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into your likeness. Amen.
38. Lord, make me an instrument of your love. May I see each circumstance in my life as an opportunity to grow in your love. May I then take this love to other people. When I am tempted to become impatient, help me to be patient. When I am tempted to become unkind, help me to be kind. When I am tempted to become jealous, help me to be tolerant. When I am tempted to be rude or selfish, give me the gift of gentleness. When I am tempted to take offense, help me to let go. Lord, grant that I may take no pleasure in criticizing others, but that I may see good in them, as you do. Help me be loyal to those you give me to love. I ask all of this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

39. Lord, we confess that even when we are praising you, part of us is afraid that we’ll also betray. We don’t want to do that. We may betray you at worship, letting our minds drift to what’s happening after church. We may betray you at work; when our actions proclaim, “We don’t know him.” We may betray you in our families, when we let each other down for the sake of convenience. We do want to walk with you, but we’ll need your forgiveness. And as we accept your grace; then we will raise our voices again, singing in the strength of your love. Amen.

40. Lord, we know that you are always with us, but sometimes we need a tangible sign. We pray for dramatic revelation...something to really grab our attention. Make our ears and hearts attentive to your presence and help us to keep our eyes open to see you. Amen.

41. Lord, we’ve come for a variety of reasons: to find hope and healing, to give our kids and families hope and direction, to discover a place of love and acceptance, and to live out your call in our lives. Today we ask for courage and strength to reach beyond ourselves in order to truly become part of the kingdom of God. Most of all, today we come to give you honor and glory by giving you all of our hearts, our souls and our minds. Have your way in our lives and we will do our best to follow you. Amen.

42. Loving God, you have taught us that in loving one another, we fulfill the law and all the commandments. Try as we may, we have not always loved our neighbor as we have loved ourselves. Help us reach out in love, that the church might be a place of healing, in your name. Amen.

43. Loving Lord, you know we are reluctant to see ourselves as you see us. We try to forget our sin by being busy with many activities. We are anxious and do not know peace because we live with our sin rather than repenting of it. Forgive our fear of being transformed by your forgiveness and love. Guide us to new life through Christ our redeemer, in whose name we pray. Amen.

44. Merciful God, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen.

45. God of all our moments, we confess we seek to confine you to only certain portions of our days, forgetting that you are with us always. When life is good, we think things are as they should always be, and too often neglect to thank you. When life goes awry, we are quick to assume we do not deserve that which seems unfair to us, and neglect to seek you in the midst even of difficulties and reversals. Free us to sense your leading at all times, in all places, in light and in darkness, that we may know the comfort, the strength, and the challenge of your presence with us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.
46. God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer. Christ calls all to repent, and we protest we are virtuous people. Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and well-being. Christ calls us to love you and one another and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow. Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse and renew us, we pray. Amen.

47. God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil’s power. Make the people inside this house a compassionate people, ready and willing to receive every person you place in our midst even if they don’t look, or act, or talk like us. God, make the door of this house a place of love and acceptance and make it a gateway to your kingdom. Amen.

48. Gracious and Holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

49. Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against you, in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have had anxieties about the future, even though we proclaim you as Lord. We have failed to love our neighbors, and we have disobeyed your commands. Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Show us how to walk in your ways and serve you in grace and love. This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

50. Lord, who sent Jesus to be born in a stable in Bethlehem; we praise you for coming into this world as a child. Many have pondered the mystery of the God who became flesh and dwelt among us. We ponder that marvelous mystery today. Bless us in our singing, and be honored as we rejoice in you! Amen.

51. On this day of Ascension as we watch and wait for Jesus’ return, Father, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek him in glory. May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever. Amen.

52. Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed unto discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

53. Spirit of the living God, though we are many, we have come together with one purpose – to worship you with scripture and song, with prayer and sacrament. We witness that we are members of one another and wait for your word spoken clearly in our midst. May your presence be among us in this hour: touch us with tenderness and strengthen us into commitment, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
54. Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves that we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us, while you embrace everyone as your own. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger and alien in our midst. Forgive us. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people where there are no rooms that are off-limits and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples’ table. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

55. When we look for our place at the table of honor, do we see you standing at the back of the room with the servers? When we walk around the homeless on the way to the ballgame, do we see you sitting in the doorway with the hungry children? When we tell others to pull themselves up, have we forgotten how many people reached out their hands to us along the way? Forgive us, God who offers mercy to us, and desires that we share grace with others. If we would truly follow, we must be willing to take off our Sunday best and put on the aprons of service, offering everyone we meet the bread of life and cup of hope which have come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

56. Wondrous Spirit, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, songs of praise! Rhythmsetter of tides and seasons, from the depths of the waters to the heights of the land, creation declares your greatness. You fashion our days with sun and our nights with starlight. Unceasingly, your love and peace flow. May your goodness transform us, deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, and the bread broken for us. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice. Amen.

57. You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before You today offering our gifts, our hearts our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One and make us fully your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

58. You have given us your Holy Child, O God, and we long to believe in him. Help our unbelief. Some of us are so certain we know all we need to know of you that we cannot grow in faith. Some of us are too taken with ourselves and have trouble knowing our depth of need for you. Some of us are so unsure of ourselves that we fear your call to discipleship will cost us what little we have. Yet we trust you to know our most essential need, and ask that you bring us low if we are prideful, and build us up in love if we are broken. Forgive us, O God, and by your mercy heal us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

59. Your ways, O God, are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts. If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only for what we can see; if we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to our prayers; if we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness; if we have thought only of you waiting on us and not pondered our service to you, in your mercy forgive us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

60. Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.
61. You have given us your Holy Child, O God, and we long to believe in him. Help our unbelief. Some of us are so certain we know all we need to know of you that we cannot grow in faith. Some of us are too taken with ourselves and have trouble knowing our depth of need for you. Some of us are so unsure of ourselves that we fear your call to discipleship will cost us what little we have. Yet we trust you to know our most essential need, and ask that you bring us low if we are prideful, and build us up in love if we are broken. Forgive us, O God, and by your mercy heal us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.
Offertory Prayers and Prayers of Dedications

1. All-knowing God, you look not only upon our deeds but also upon our hearts. It is in a spirit of reconciliation with one another that we bring our offering this day, remembering this to be your command. By the power of your Holy Spirit, use these gifts to serve those in need. Amen.

2. You have given us so much, O Lord. We have more than we could ever need yet, we often keep it to ourselves. Just as we share your love to those we encounter today, we share these gifts with your church. Teach us not only to be generous, but to be content. Amen.

3. As people of faith, we wait in hope at the promise that Jesus will be among us. May these gifts be used to bring hope to the many who are in need. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

4. Bless these gifts, gracious God, and bless all those who will be served because of them. We bring these offerings because we hope for more in the days ahead. We hope for a stronger church, a more compassionate world, and a time of peace. Shape us, through our giving, into people more faithful to your Word and a people full of joy and good news. We dedicate them along with our lives and all that we are. Bless the lives of all your children. Amen.

5. Holy God, cheerfully and joyously, we lift up these offerings to you. You have poured out your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank you for our being able to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. Dear Holy One, we offer our gifts to you, who claims us as children, who names us beloved, who celebrates our presence. Use these gifts and our service to further your kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

7. Dear Lord, you’ve given so many gifts to us. You’ve held nothing back of yourself, but rather come among us in Christ Jesus to save us and make us new. We offer to you now our lives and with them the work of our hands as represented by that which is contained in these plates. Bless us and all we offer both now and forevermore. Amen.

8. Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts with the joy of resurrection, and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

9. Father, every good gift comes from you. You give generously without refusing or reproaching anyone. May our gifts assist the preaching of the gospel, so that all can experience your divine grace and mercy. Amen.

10. Father, make giving a blessing and not a burden. As we reflect more and more on all you have given us, make us eager and willing givers of all the gifts you have poured down on us. Amen.

11. Generous and loving God, help us to be a giving people. Help us to be ready to share our time, our energy, and our spirit with others. Please accept these gifts as our act of generosity to the church. Amen.
12. Generous God, accept these gifts as a means of bringing you glory and praise and as a way to draw others into this place. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

13. Generous God, we give you thanks. Though the world is in financial turmoil, you are still with us. We thank you for the provisions you have faithfully given to us and for giving us all that we need. Accept these offerings as a means of bringing you glory and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen.

14. Generous God, your Holy Spirit recalls to us the self-giving of Jesus, and his command to love our neighbor as ourselves. We attend to this reminder as we make our offering freely, cheerfully, and generously. We care that our neighbors in need be fed, housed, healed and freed. Receive and bless our giving in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

15. God of empowerment and strength, we lovingly give to you in accordance with what you have given us. We long to feel the empowerment and confidence that can only be found in communion with you. Please use our funds to reach out to others with energy and inspiration. Amen.

16. God of Grace and Glory, we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith. Use them so that we may see one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. It’s in his name we pray. Amen.

17. Heavenly Father, multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church’s ministry and mission radically changes lives and deepens discipleship. In Christ’s name. Amen.

18. God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

19. God of mercy, you set before us a feast of love in giving Christ to the world. Accept this offering as an expression of our love for you and others. Use this so that your good news may gladden the lonely, bring hope to the oppressed, heal the sick, and aid the poor in Christ’s name. Amen.

20. God of new beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us live with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

21. God of the wealthy, God of the poor, we do not desire to pile up earthly riches. Our desire is to share the resources with which you have blessed us. With gratitude, we make this offering as a fulfillment of responsibility to give back a portion of what you so graciously bestow. Praying in the name of your son, the Christ. Amen.

22. God we thank you for the abundance of your provision. Grant us wisdom to use these offerings to the glory of your Holy name. Strengthen us to give generously out of all that we are and all that you have entrusted to our care. We dedicate these offerings with thanksgiving for your extravagant love for all of humanity and creation. Amen.

23. God who gives wisdom, please accept these gifts for our church, for our community, and for our work in the world. Grant us discerning hearts, so that we will use our own wealth wisely. Grant those who’ve been called to serve on our finance team discernment so that they use these funds in ways that reflect your love to all of your children. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
24. God, you are the giver of all good and perfect gifts. We ask you to bless this offering and those who give it. May it change lives by the ministry of this church and may the hearts of the givers be forever changed through the act of generosity and stewardship. In your son’s name we pray, Amen.

25. Good and Gracious God, of whose bounty we have all received, we beseech thee to accept this offering from your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. And so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and good will among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

26. Gracious God, as an expression of our gratitude for your enduring love, we give this offering. May it be used for the benefit of those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual sustenance. We pray through the mighty name of Christ. Amen.

27. Gracious God, as members of your body, we bring not only our offering of money for the work of Christ, but our commitment to be gladly sharing with those in need. For all who hunger and thirst, let us share the bread that satisfies, and the living water that quenches the dryness of the soul. Receive and bless this offering, we pray. Amen.

28. Heavenly Father, you have offered us such abundance. We are so very blessed. Yet, we often think that we have so little. Some of us may even feel as though our gift is too small. Thank you for reminding us that even our mustard seed-sized gift may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, today we place before you all amounts of gifts; some quarters from children, some $1 bills from adults, and some larger bills and checks. We give knowing that you transform our scarcity into your abundance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

29. Heavenly Lord, each day we witness untold miracles that are a testament of your love. Some spectacular miracles reverently remind us of Jesus’ healing miracles. Other, everyday miracles are quiet and soft like a gentle mother’s whisper filled with beauty and wonder. We prayerfully ask that these gifts be used to reach those needing to experience the miracle of your love. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

30. Holy and giving God, we thank you for this opportunity to share our abundance with others through the work of your church. Help us to use our resources wisely, to be like Christ in feeding the 5,000. Use our resources today and every day to ensure that the needs of the future can be met. Amen.

31. Holy Father, we desire to be sanctified in your grace like the disciples whom Jesus commissioned with your word. We do not want to squander our lives and resources on meaningless consumption. Open our hearts and our hands to respond in a generous manner. Give us the courage to embrace a lifestyle centered in your teaching, rather than one dictated by marketing trends or unhealthy spending habits. We offer you these gifts as an act of responding to you in faith. Amen.

32. Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, bless and multiply these gifts we bring. Use them to raise up the fallen, to comfort the distressed, to guide the confused and to strengthen the weak. Through our gifts and the work and service we offer through them, let all who are in need know they may experience the presence and power of your Spirit active on their behalf and in their lives. Amen.
33. Holy God, we understand that it is your intention to work through us who confess that Jesus is Lord. Receive now these symbols of our acceptance of our responsibility as Christ’s disciples to love and minister to the needs of others, in Christ’s name. Amen.

34. Holy God, your caring moves us to care, and your mercy moves us to kindness. Your justice stirs us to work for the oppressed, and your humility causes us to desire no reward for any deed. Use these gifts according to your compassionate will, we pray in your name. Amen.

35. Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge your gift is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace. We share these tithes and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be anointed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

36. Holy Spirit, fall upon us this day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these financial gifts for your ministry in this community and beyond. Amen.

37. Holy Spirit, your gift to us today far outweighs anything we could give back. But accept this, our first fruits, given with a cheerful heart for your ministry in this world. Amen.

38. Lord God, you bring life out of places of death. On this holy day, let the gifts and the ones who give them, be signs of your life-affirming power. Take these gifts and use them to build your kingdom. In your son’s name we pray. Amen.

39. Lord Jesus Christ, you were rich. Yet for our sakes, you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. Accept this collection as a token of gratitude for all you have done. Amen.

40. Lord Jesus, with gratitude for our belonging to your community of love, we bring these gifts and dedicate ourselves to your mission. Use them according to your will and wisdom, we pray. Amen.

41. Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might know the fullness of God’s love for us. In your spirit of compassion and humility, we make this offering. In your example of love and mercy, let us serve those in need in your name. Receive and bless our giving, we pray. Amen.

42. Lord of the loaves and the fish, please take our offerings and make them more than enough. We pray that through your grace and the giving of these gifts, there will be abundance for all. Amen.

43. Lord, it’s so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn. Help us to realize that you alone gave us the ability to do our jobs and to earn the money that we do. Help us to be open-handed in our giving to show our thanks to you. Bless these gifts. Amen.

44. Lord, we give you thanks for all of the blessings you bestow upon us each and every day. We give these gifts back to you and bind them with them with the gifts of our worship and our service. Amen.

45. Nurturing God, You remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act consistently out of love in the name of Jesus. Amen.
46. God, as countless ones before us, we offer ourselves in love and service to you and to the fulfilling of your will on earth. Like the saints, we hear the cry of the suffering, and the voice of Jesus telling us to administer mercy, kindness, and justice to the sick, to the imprisoned, and the oppressed. Receive these gifts with the dedication of our lives toward continuing the saints’ work in Christ’s name. Amen.

47. God, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of the people, and so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all people, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

48. God, our possessions often bring us a sense of safety and reassurance. We are too quick to place our faith and hope in earthly things. In giving, we accept your invitation of the true security that is offered through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

49. We have so much, O God. We know you are faithful to provide for us each and every day. Use these gifts to bless others as a “thank you” for the many blessings you bestow on each of us. Amen.

50. God, we humbly admit that we search so often for bread that perishes, rather than the bread of eternal life. We foolishly think that happiness and fulfillment can be attained from our own hands, rather than from your hands. We offer these gifts knowing the promise that you are the bread of life. We come seeking to never be hungry or thirsty again. Amen.

51. God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

52. God, who has made a great investment in us: forgive us for our self-centeredness that keeps us from being generous. You have given us all we need yet we yearn for that which keeps us from being generous. Forgive us for not offering you our very best. Let our hearts be open to you and our hands be open so that we may use this offering to show others our commitment and faith in you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

53. Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own people. Amen.

54. Touch our hearts, Father, with your love so that we may urgently plead for the privilege of sharing our resources with others. May your grace shown to us in Jesus Christ make us generous givers. Amen.

55. Lord, we offer these gifts to be used in celebration of your steadfast love. We give joyfully so others may join our unending common voice of praise. Let all people sing a new song of thanksgiving that is not merely noise but is a faithful celebration of your love and grace. Amen.

56. We are grateful that no gift is insignificant in your sight, O God. We humbly offer ourselves in your service with these gifts and offerings. Do extraordinary things through them, for the relief of others’ need, and the fulfillment of your divine intent. Amen.

57. God, we bring our gifts to you with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit to show forth in our lives the truth of the Gospel. Amen.
58. We come with joy and thankfulness for the many blessings we have been given. May these gifts, given here and the service of our hands, make a difference as we seek to follow Jesus’ way. Amen.

59. We live amidst abundance that can only be imagined by many. With our heartfelt thanks, may these gifts and those given all throughout the year, be used to further the cause of peace in the world. Amen.

60. You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before you today offering our gifts, our hearts our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One and make us fully your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

61. We Sing “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” but sometimes we forget where our blessings come from. Remind us. Remind us each and every day that you are the one providing our blessings. Accept these gifts from grateful children, acknowledging your many blessings. Amen.

62. Amazing God, your love shone through the Christ Child in the manger. Bless these gifts that your light may shine through us, as well. May they offer hope and love to those most in need of it. Amen.

63. You have so richly blessed us, Lord. Blessed us with family, with friends and with our church. You’ve given us food and protection from the elements. You provide healing when we are sick and rejoice with us when we celebrate good news. Because of all these things, and because of the gift of your Son, we say thank you by offering our gifts and resources so others can be blessed as well. Amen.

64. Gracious God, we offer you thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, this season of Advent. As we prepare for the birth of your Son, we share our tithes and offerings with the joy and excitement that is common as one anticipates the birth of a new child. Bless these gifts in your Holy Name. Amen.