

Welcome Words 1

This day may we know:
the love of God our Father,
the gift of God's Son, the Servant King, and
the freedom of God's own Spirit.

Welcome Words 2

We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value **service**.

Acrostic Poem

Service is....

Spending time on others

Enjoying giving help

Responsibility in action

Volunteering willingly

I second, you first

Committing to a task

Everyone offering their talents and gifts

Serving others prayer

Father God

Thank you for the many different skills, gifts and qualities you have given us,

Help us to serve others with willing hands (*lift hands in front of you*),

with generous hearts (*put hand on heart*)

and with kind words (*move hand away from mouth*).

Use our eyes and ears to notice how others serve us (*point to eyes and ears*)

and remind us to show our gratitude and thanks

to our teachers (*point towards a teacher*),

helpers in school (*point towards the playground*),

our parents (*point towards the school gates*)

and our friends (*sweeping gesture*).

In serving others in love, may we also serve you.

Amen

Serving with joy prayer

Father God

Give us willing hearts to serve others with joy

and bring them help and comfort.

Give us humility to accept help and service from others

with thankfulness and grace.

Amen.

Prayer for Special Places

Dear God

Make the churches in our town/village places,

which show your glory, houses of prayer and **respect** for you,

“Thin” places where heaven and earth seem very close.

Amen

Prayer of St Augustine

Eternal God, You are
the light of minds that know you
the joy of hearts that love you
and the strength of the wills that serve you.
Help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that
we may fully serve you
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

God's plan, our prayer

Father God
You have great plans for all of us!
Help us by your Spirit, to serve you with our whole heart,
As we each play our special part.
Amen

Service with a smile prayer

Dear Father
Help us to serve with a smile,
to take pleasure in helping others,
knowing that we are doing our best
to follow your example. Amen