

Welcome Words 1

We light three candles to remind us of:

God the Father, the **generous** giver,

God the Son, who gave his life for the world and

God the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to give cheerfully.

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

generosity.

Acrostic Poem

Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.

Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen

John Wesley Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help us to be generous and
Do all the good we can,
By all the means we can,
In all the ways we can,
In all the places we can,
At all the times we can,
To all the people we can,
As long as ever we can.
Amen.

Generosity Prayer

Father God
We praise you for all that you have generously given to us.
Thank you for families and friends,
Thank you for our bodies, our minds and all that makes
us unique as your children.
Inspire us to be generous in return
Sharing what we have willingly and cheerfully,
In the name of your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us. Amen

A Teaspoon Prayer (tsp)

Thank you God for your generous gift of creation.

Sorry for the times we have not cared for it properly.

Please give us eyes to notice the amazing beauty in all of life
and to be faithful stewards.

Amen

Working Together Prayer

Generous God

Make our hearts like yours,
always ready to give.

Help us to see opportunities to give our time,
so we can achieve amazing things together.

Amen.

Prayer Poem by Kathy Keay

O God, save me from being a dull, grey person
and let the colours of your creation
pattern my life with your beauty.

Amen

My Future

What will be
Left here for me
When I grow up?

Will there be
Pure air to breathe
Will the sea be clean?

Will tarmac
Cover all the fields
Will they still be green?

Milk from cows
Meat, veg and fruit
Will they be fit to eat?

Will sunlight hurt
Will fumes from cars
Clog up a crowded street?

Will blue whales sing
Will elephants
And rhinos still survive?

Will you have left
Us anything
Healthy and alive?

When I grow up
And I'm in charge
What will it be worth

If you have used
The goodness up
And destroyed the earth?

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Let me Give

Lord, isn't your creation wasteful?

Fruits never equal

the seedlings' abundance.

Springs scatter water.

The sun gives out

enormous light.

May your bounty teach me

greatness of heart.

May your magnificence

stop me being mean.

Seeing you a prodigal

and open-handed giver

let me give unstintingly,

like a king's son,

like God's own.

by Archbishop Helder Camara