

Prayer of New Beginnings

God of new beginnings, we are walking into mystery.
We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring us
or how we will respond.
Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way.
Deepen our faith to see all life through your eyes.
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that You dwell in us amidst all our
joys and sorrows.
Thank You for the treasure of our faith life.
Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance
of your walking through the day with us.
God of our past and future, we praise you.
Amen

O God of new beginnings, you who always call your children
to move forward in the journey through life;
support the people of our circuit at this time
as they launch out into the deep;
give them the same faith and trust as those who responded to your call in
Galilee, that they may find joy and fulfilment in this new enterprise.
Amen.

Generous God,
I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me -my life, my family,
my friends - time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have
comes from you. Help me to remember this and rejoice in your
goodness.
Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may
constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our
district.
Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a
better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me hear the call to "Come,
Follow Me."
I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life.
Amen

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Circuit Stewards Meetings

Some helpful prayers and devotions

Father, all that we are and everything we have are your gifts to us.
We thank you for this abundance of blessings.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to serve you as generous
stewards of all that you have given us.

Help us to share all we have in our homes, our circuits and our
schools, in our places of work and in our wider communities.

Help us to work together in recognising your gifts and your
love in those with whom we share our lives.

Together, may we bear much fruit as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Creator God, Life is your gift to me.
Through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life
in service to others.
Be with me as I choose each day to show your Presence in our world.
Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.
I pray especially for those who serve you in ministry throughout our circuit
May we bring the Good News to those in need.
Keep us close to you.
Open the minds and hearts of many others -- men, women, and young
people -- that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom in this
place
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
If I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
If I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
And a church with a noble spirit,
If I, who make it what it is,
Am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of BEING
All the things that I want my church to be.

(Author Unknown)

Being the Body of Christ

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless people now.

(St. Teresa of Avila)

Our walk with God is never a lonely walk, it is a family occasion if taken in the company of God's children.

If we lag behind there are those who will turn and offer words of encouragement, hold out a hand and offer assistance over stiles and other obstacles, share refreshment, help us from our knees when we stumble.

Our walk with God is never a lonely walk.
It is a joyful experience as along the path others join us attracted by the company of God's children singing the same songs of praise that angels sing following a path worn down by tears and joy and sacrifice

Our walk with God is never a lonely walk for he walks with us on a track that leads to a glorious destination.

John Birch

For each step that I might take be my guide, O Lord of life
For each load that I might bear be my strength, O Lord of life
For each mountain I might face be my power, O Lord of life
For each river that might impede be my safety, O Lord of life
For each place where I might rest be my peace, O Lord of life
For each sunrise and sunset be my joy, O Lord of life

(Author unknown)

Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work, I give you my feet to go your way,
I give you my eyes to see as you do,
I give you my tongue to speak your words,
I give you my mind that you may think in me,
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me,
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humanity,
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you,
Lord Jesus who live and work and pray in me.

(Grail Prayer)