

Prayer Journal



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INTRODUCTION

Jesus invites each of us to follow him, serve him, and live for him – an adventure of discovering God's call on our lives.

He calls us to use our lives and gifts in his service. This calling is not just individual – we are called together as the Church, one body with many parts, each with a part to play in God's story.

God sends us out to share in his work of healing, restoring, and transforming the world – in churches and chaplaincy, with children and young people, in schools, on estates, in workplaces, neighbourhoods, and communities.

We often call this 'vocation' – the lifelong journey of discovering how you and your gifts can play a full part in fulfilling God's purposes in the Church and the world.

Wherever you are on that journey, this is a place to begin exploring and prayerfully seeking God's will for your life.

PRAYER 1

Lord, as You called Your disciples,
call us now.
Open our ears to listen to You calling;
Open our eyes to see You;
Open our hearts to Your love.
Help us to hear You,
to experience Your presence with us,
and to love You.
And loving You, let us serve You,
our servant King.

Lord,
We ask, and dare to pray...
Here I am, send me.
Amen.

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PRAYER 2

Almighty God,
author of my life,
help me learn to read what
You have written on my heart.
Give me discerning eyes
and an untiring spirit to look
within myself in order to understand
how to respond to Your call.
And once I have begun to read You aright,
give me the generosity
to help others to read You,
that they in turn may offer
themselves in Your service.

Lord,
We ask, and dare to pray...
Here I am, send me.
Amen.

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PRAYER 3

God our Father,
You have a plan for each one of us,
You hold out to us a future full of hope.
Give us the wisdom of Your Spirit
so that we can see the shape of
Your plan in the gifts You have given us,
and in the circumstances of our daily lives.
Give us the freedom of Your Spirit,
to seek You with all our hearts,
and to choose Your will above all else.
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.

Lord,
We ask, and dare to pray...
Here I am, send me.
Amen.

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PRAYER 4

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me
Nor do I really know myself,
And the fact that I think I am
following Your will
Does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please You
Does in fact please you.
And I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road
Though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust You always,
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for You are ever with me,
And You will never leave me to face my
struggles alone.

Lord,
We ask, and dare to pray...
Here I am, send me.
Amen.

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PRAYER 5

Prayer for Abandonment

Father,
I abandon myself into Your hands;
Do with me what You will.
Whatever You do may I thank You:
I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me,
And in all Your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into Your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to You with all the love of my heart,
For I love You, Lord,
And so need to give myself to You,
To surrender myself into Your hands,
Without reserve and with
boundless confidence,
For You are my Father.

Lord,
We ask, and dare to pray...
Here I am, send me.
Amen.

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PRAYER 6

**Almighty God,
You have entrusted to Your Church
a share in the ministry of Your Son
our great high priest:
inspire by Your Holy Spirit the hearts of
many to offer themselves for the ministry
of Your Church,
that strengthened by his power,
they may work for the increase
of Your kingdom
and set forward the eternal praise
of Your name;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

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Here I am, send me.
Amen.**

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