

Daily Prayers

A Prayer for Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ,
alive and at large in the world,
help me to follow and find you there today,
in the places where I work,
meet people,
spend money,
and make plans.
Take me as a disciple of your kingdom,
to see through your eyes,
and hear the questions you are asking,
to welcome all others with your trust and truth,
and to change the things that contradict God's love,
by the power of the cross
and the freedom of your Spirit.

"The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers," John V. Taylor, p 70

Prayers for Obedience

Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.
Grant us ears to hear,
Eyes to see,
Wills to obey,
Hearts to love;
Then declare what you will,
Reveal what you will,
Command what you will.
Demand what you will.

"The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers," Christina Rossetti, p 248.

A Prayer for Renewal

God,
It seems you are in the recycling business.
You always see what is worthy and redeemable.
You never discard this world.
You always see the value of each person.

Like those scrounging around the tip finding something of value,
You sent Jesus into the world as part of your great saving plan.
Those who were the forgotten ones in his society;
He loved.
Those who were placed on the garbage dump;
He made new.

God,
You are the great scavenger and the great conservationist.
Include us in your recycling plan.
Remind us that what the world considers
nonsense, and throws out as weak and useless;
Is the most valuable of all.

The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers," Uniting Church in Australia, p 302

Prayer for Guidance

Lord and source of All Gifts, we rejoice in the fullness of Your holy generosity.

We thank you especially now for the gift of change, that gift of newness that opens doors closed by habit and routine.

We bless You and thank you as well for that which is stable and unchanging, for the ancient and traditional which give meaning to the new and different.

We thank you, O End of all Longing, for the capacity for change in our lives, for without change there can be no real growth and no true life.

We are grateful, in this prayer, of those persons who through their gifts of excitement and adventure, have taught us not to fear change and not to resist the new.

We are thankful for Your Son, Your Sacred Word, who spoke to us of new wine for new wineskins and who calls us daily to a new kingdom and to a new covenant.

May our hearts be ever-changing, ever in growth, as we journey to you, our Mysterious Source, You who are forever fresh and new yet forever the same.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, who gives spice to life with change. Amen.

"The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers," Edward Hays, p 22.