

## Prayers about giving

### ***Reflection and Meditation***

In our collections, week by week,  
from our pockets, or our pledges,  
keep us cheerful in our giving.

At the gathering of the gifts, each  
time of worship, from our pensions,  
or our housekeeping, keep us  
generous in our giving.

In our committed giving, reclaiming  
income tax,  
From our earnings in our plenty,  
keep us humble in our giving.  
*Frances Ballantyne*

Your hands, Lord, like your heart,  
are always open, ready to embrace,  
keen to bless.  
The table you lay groans with good  
things; the cup you fill overflows; ...  
and this is not for the expected  
guests, but for the last and the  
least, for those whom the world  
has shown no generosity.  
Make my hands and my heart,  
my table and my wallet well worn,  
like yours, with love.  
*Church of Scotland*

O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have  
blessed us with these gifts. With  
them we offer ourselves to your  
service and dedicate our lives  
to the care and redemption of all  
that you have made,  
for the sake of him who gave  
himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Lutheran Book of Worship*

### ***Prayers for generosity and commitment***

Father God, you sent your Son  
Jesus to give up everything for us:  
may the gifts we bring,  
whether great or small, be the very  
best that we can offer and a sign of  
our grateful love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Jenny Dann*

Eternal God,  
open our eyes to see your hand at  
work in the splendour of creation  
and in the beauty of human life.  
Help us to cherish the gifts that  
surround us, to share our blessings  
with our sisters and brothers, and  
to experience the joy of life in your  
presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Prayer Book for Australia*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all  
creation;  
through your goodness we have  
our money to offer.  
Fruit of our labours, symbol of our  
commitment.  
It will become a tool to be used for  
your glory.  
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all  
creation;  
through your goodness we have  
our time and skills to offer. Fruit of  
our lives and experience.  
They will become tools to be used  
for your glory.  
Blessed be God for ever.  
*Stewardship Network Resource Book*

### ***If you are feeling challenged about your level of giving***

Generous God, you ask us to trust  
in you for everything.  
But it's so hard to do that.  
We've learned to trust the money  
in our pockets to put a roof over  
our heads, food on the table and  
to provide all the luxuries we feel  
we can afford – and some we  
can't.  
It's difficult to know how we  
would manage otherwise.

Father, forgive us our lack of trust.  
If we had no money we would  
have to depend on you.  
Help us to remember this  
and, with that knowledge,  
to understand that you are  
depending on us to be open-  
handed with what we have,  
on your behalf, towards those  
who are trusting that you will  
provide for them.  
*Marjorie Dobson*

Sparse sowing, meagre reaping; but  
if we are generous, bountiful will be  
the harvest.  
So let us give what we can, not with  
regret, nor from a sense of duty.  
God loves a cheerful giver.

And when we help others, we will  
not just meet their needs, we will  
unleash a flood of gratitude to God.  
Many will give glory to God  
for our loyalty to the gospel and for  
our generosity.  
God loves a cheerful giver.  
*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

When we have sown sparingly;  
When we have given reluctantly;  
Lord, have mercy.