

Creative decisions

Gifts and skills (Ecclesiasticus 38:24-end)

Gracious God,
we thank you
for the great diversity of gifts and skills
with which you have endowed the human race:
gifts of body and mind,
gifts of creativity, of perseverance,
of wisdom and compassion,
that together make up the fabric of this world.

Help us to encourage one another
to fulfil the potential you bestow on us;
to be more fully what you have created us to be,
and to offer ourselves in service
to the communities into which you have called us.

And may we,
who have been given leisure to be here today,
be blessed by each other's company
and by your Holy Spirit at work amongst us.
In Jesus' name we pray.

All **Amen.**

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Take from us any anxiety or fear
and give us your deep peace,
in the confidence
that your purpose for each of us
and for your Church
is one for good;
and in the confidence that we are, together,
brothers and sisters in Christ,
in whose name we pray.

All **Amen.**

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Lead us in your ways of truth

Loving God,
in the midst of turmoil
and in the times of calm
you are with us;

when our hearts are troubled
and when our lives are at peace,
you are with us;

whether we forget you
or turn to you
you are with us;

so we worship you.

We praise you for your faithfulness
and loving kindness
which so often we do not deserve
yet on which we so much depend.

Be with us now
and help us in the task
that lies ahead of us.

Gracious God,
as we meet together
we pause to acknowledge
your presence with us
and our need of you.

You are with us
in the joys and the muddles of our lives,
in the easy choices and the difficult decisions,
and we praise you.

Guide us in our thinking and speaking
that we may hear what you are saying to us
and find unity in a common purpose,
as we strive to be faithful
in the work entrusted to us
as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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Work or leisure

O God,
be present to us
in the work and leisure of this day
that we may reach the day's end
having been hearers and bearers
of good news;
in the name of Jesus.

All **Amen.**

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