

Offertory Sentences that do not Mention "Giving to God" **(not including Offertory Sentences in the BCP)**

Scriptural References

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

"... remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

"...for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7b-8)

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

"...all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you." (Deuteronomy 16:17)

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1 Peter 4:10)

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:17)

Offertory Prayers

We dedicate this money, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask you to use all that we have and are in your service.

Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving.

Lord, it's so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn. Help us to realize that you alone gave us the ability to do our jobs and to earn the money that we do. Help us to be open-handed in our using your gifts to bring about peace and justice in your earthly kingdom.

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Father, every good gift comes from you. You give generously without refusing or reproaching anyone. May our gifts assist the preaching of the gospel, so that others may know of your love and care for them.

Creator God, we know that you have made everything in this world. You have been so generous to us every day. We pray that this church will show our generosity by using our gifts to help others less fortunate.

Our Father, we thank you for this place we have to worship you. We so easily take for granted the church building, the staff that keeps the church running smoothly, the lights and plumbing and all the other things it takes to hold our worship services each week. Help us to realize that while it may not be what we consider to be an exciting cause, it is one that is important to your cause.

Touch our hearts, Father, with your love so that we may share our many resources with others. May your grace shown to us in Jesus Christ make us generous givers.

O God, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of the people, and so follow it with thy blessing that it may promote peace and good will among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful use of these resources bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.