

Prayer for the offering 1

Dear God,
as we return these gifts to you,
we are reminded that it is you,
and not money,
that brings us joy and refreshment.
So we ask you to help us share freely and joyfully,
knowing that you will meet our needs.
AMEN

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Prayer for the offering 2

Generous God,
as we journey towards forgiveness,
we are reminded of times
we have hoarded our gifts,
rather than shared our gifts.
Forgive us.
As we present our gifts this morning,
we also present the way we each give,
so that you may use both to further your work.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN

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Prayer for the offering 3

God, we give our gifts today,
knowing that you are doing new things in your world.
Use these for your work
and help us to catch the vision
of the new works you are doing.
AMEN

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Prayer of confession

We confess to you this morning, God,
how often we have trusted in money rather than in you.
Too often we have clutched our fists tightly around our money,
holding it close and hoarding it,
rather than opening our hands to share our monetary gifts
generously and freely with others,
thereby loosening money's hold on us.
We confess that, at times,
we have worshipped our money rather than you,
and for that we ask your forgiveness.
Forgive us for giving our allegiance to money
or the things money can buy, rather than to you.
Free us from the hold money has on us and heal us,
that we might be generous, joyful, and grateful givers.
In the name of him who gave us his all, we pray. Amen.

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