

Thanksgiving

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 7:17 (NIV)

Creative idea, starting a branch, "Please and Thank You Book"

Use an A4 notebook and ask people to add the names, situations and projects that are on their minds and hearts at the moment. As well as requests, think of things to be grateful for and thank God for answering our prayers. The prayers within it can be gathered together by the person leading the prayers holding the book and saying:

Dear Lord,

You always know whatever is uppermost in our hearts, we ask that you will hold the petitions written in this book within your loving hands and intervene to help those in need. We give thanks that you always answer our prayers and we trust in the knowledge that your ways in all things are perfect.

Amen

The book could be made available at subsequent meetings. Alternatively slips of paper using the following template could be provided and these made into a prayer collage.

Prayers

Please pray for our Diocesan projects and give thanks for the generous resources that have been provided in terms of people, time, commitment and donations.

Dear God,

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

Thank you for your blessings in our lives,

Thank you for your great love and for all your goodness to us.

May we always be willing to give you thanks and praise.

Amen.

Father God,

Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks whatever my circumstances. Help me to accept them as your will for my life and to adopt an attitude of humility and thankful acceptance. I want to grow ever closer to you and I know that your truth dwells in a thankful heart.

Amen