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**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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Gracious and loving God,

you have called us into your Church

# A prayer for a meeting

to worship, to witness, to minister in a variety of ways; and we want to respond to that call

and fulfil your will for us.

We pray for our meeting here this evening (or name any other part of day).

Help us to hear your voice and feel your Spirit

as we talk together and seek to discern in way in which you are leading us.

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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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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 is in the task that lies ahead of us.

Lead us in your ways of truth, gentleness, wisdom and love. We ask it in the name of Jesus.

*All* **Amen.**

# Lead us in your ways of truth

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# Easy choices or difficult decisions

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.**

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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# Work or leisure

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