

Offering Invitations and Prayers for June 2009 based on the Lectionary Readings

These resources are written from the reading of scriptures from The Message Bible.

June 7–Trinity Sunday

In Isaiah, God asked “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ and I [Isaiah] spoke up, ‘I’ll go. Send me!’” Isaiah immediately answered the call to sacrifice himself to do God’s work. The offertory is our time to answer God’s call and sacrifice what we have worked hard for. Let us now give.

All-Knowing God, you ask of us things that we don’t always understand, but we do know that our giving helps others to hear the Good News through our Church’s ministries. Use these gifts so others might be saved. Amen.

June 14–Second Sunday After Pentecost

God has a purpose for everything even when we as humans don’t see it—God choosing David over his older brothers to be king of Israel, planting a small seed that grows into a huge tree, taking our humble gifts and using them for great ministries all over the world. Bring your gifts to God, so they can be blessed and used in new and exciting ways.

O God, we do not know how the trees grow, but we know that it is because you have wonderfully made all creation. Take these gifts that we have received and now give back to you. Make them beautiful for your work. Amen.

June 21–Third Sunday After Pentecost

God is able to do amazing things—with God’s help, David killed Goliath, and Jesus commanded the winds and sea to the utter awe of the disciples. God continues to do mighty acts through humankind. Let us give of ourselves and be a part of these awe-filled events.

Almighty God, you are truly amazing in all that you do. Take these ordinary gifts of paper and metal and make them extraordinary in their use. Amen.

June 28–Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes “You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich....as it is written, ‘Nothing left over to the one with the most, Nothing lacking to the one with the least.’” Let us bring our tithes and offerings.

Giver God, just as Paul challenged the Corinthians to give out of love, so we hear this challenge today. Bless these gifts and help us to be more like Jesus who gave all for us. Amen.