

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

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

November 1–All Saints’ Day

Isaiah declared that God will throw a lavish feast for all the people of the world. God will banish death. God will wipe the tears from every face and remove every disgrace. And how does God choose to do all these things? Through us. We are God’s hands and feet. Let us use all the resources in our power for the good of God.

God, we celebrate singing the joys of your salvation. Thank you for guiding us as we work to fulfill your will here on earth. Amen.

November 8–Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

In the story of the Widow’s gift, Jesus says “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.” May it be said of us that we have given extravagantly. Bring your gifts to God.

Extravagant God, you are the most abundant gift-giver of all—giving Jesus to die for our sins. May our gifts be extravagantly used in this world. Amen.

November 15–Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer and sacrifice go hand in hand. Hannah prays out of desperation, to God to remember her with a son. In her prayer, she offers the sacrifice of her son to God’s total service. We too pray desperately for hope amid the trials and offer our sacrifices to God for God’s service. Let us now be faithful to bring our sacrifices to God through the work of this church.

God of Hope, you are constantly with us bringing hope where there is only despair. Take these offerings and use them to bring hope to the hopeless and light to the blind. Amen.

November 22–Christ the King Sunday

“God gave David his word, he won’t back out on this promise: ‘One of your sons I will set on your throne; If your sons stay true to my Covenant and learn to live the way I teach them.’” God has taught us to love one another. Let us express our love to God through our tithes and offerings.

God of Promise, you have said that you will always be with us. You have taught us to love others just as you love us. May these gifts be symbols of our love to you and others as they become ministries in our world. Amen.

November 29–First Sunday of Advent

“What would be an adequate thanksgiving to offer God for all the joy we

experience before him because of you? We do what we can, praying away, night and day, asking for the bonus of seeing your faces again and doing what we can to help when your faith falters.

May God our Father himself and our Master Jesus clear the road to you! And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you.” May we bring our gifts to God.

God, we offering thanksgiving for these gifts that we are able to bring, but only through your goodness to us. Use them in ways we can't even imagine. Amen.