

Generosity: Receiving and giving



Prayer

God, giver of life,
we thank You for the gift of Your
compassionate love
which soothes and strengthens us.
We pray that our churches
may be always open to receive Your
gifts from one another.
Grant us a spirit of generosity to all
as we journey together in the path of
Christian unity.
We ask this in the name of Your Son
who reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit. Amen.



Questions

- Have you ever received a gift from someone from whom you found it difficult to receive? What did you do with the gift?
- How does your church receive from other Christian traditions?
- How does your church receive from people of other faiths and none?

Go and Do (see www.ctbi.org.uk/goanddo)

Global: Find out how the generosity of churches has made such a difference to communities across the world through the work of Christian Aid.

Local: Identify your needs as a church or churches and consider who you could approach to help you fulfil those needs.

Personal: Ask someone to help you with an outstanding task or need you have.

Acts 28:8-10

"The father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They bestowed many honours on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed"

Psalms 103:1-5

Matthew 10:7-8

Reflection

I thank
the stranger
for privileging me to receive You.
I thank
the Samaritan
for making me accept Your care
and the love I thought wasn't in You
to give.
I thank
Jesus
for drawing me to Your
precious death
to receive Your poverty
as riches that outweigh the world.
I thank
the others all
who gave to me so much to give.

