

Opening Prayer For The General Meeting

God of the seasons turning, another summer has come and gone and we gather for a Annual Meeting of this Parish. To this place we bring all the celebrations and hardships, the joys and the sorrows. To this place we bring all our hopes and dreams for our ministry in your church.

Here also we gather to look forward to what the coming years have in store. We know that they will not always be easy, that life will always have a mixture of easy and difficult. As we meet and discuss the life and work of this part of your family we pray that you would be a part of our discussion. May your Spirit move in our hearts, opening them to hear what each of us has to offer, bringing light to both possibilities and realities, drawing us always to consider what you would have us be and do in this time and place. Remind us that we are called to be bearers of Christ's life, light, and love to all we meet. Help us to live in such a way that we draw closer to your vision for us and journey faithfully in your Way.

In this time together we celebrate the many gifts we all have to offer. Help us offer what we can to your service and your glory, mindful of our great giftedness in so many ways throughout our lives. These things we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, in whose name and hope we gather together as a community. Amen.