

# Prayers of Commitment

## June 18, 2023

### A Prayer for Community

"We ask you, Master, be our helper and defender.  
Rescue those of our number in distress; raise up the fallen; assist the needy;  
heal the sick; turn back those of your people who stray; feed the hungry;  
release our captives; revive the weak; encourage those who lose heart.  
Let all the nations realize that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your Child,  
and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. Amen."

- *Clement of Rome, 1st Century*

### A Prayer for Mediation

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen."

- *La Clochette, 20th Century (wrongly attributed to Francis of Assisi)*

### A Prayer for Holiness

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

- *John Wesley, 18th Century*