Prayers of Dedication and Dismissal

• The congregation participates in the first prayer. It seeks to cover some of the experiences of life and commit them to God in the coming week.

• The second, third and fourth are brief prayers also looking to the Word and Spirit of God for the will and power to live obedient lives. Each could equally appropriately be spoken by the service leader or the leader and people together.

• The selection concludes with two familiar prayers, that of St John Chrysostom and the morning collect.

1. For your goodness and generosity

in giving us all we need,

**this week help us to praise you, O God.**

In every circumstance of life,

in good times and bad,

**this week help us to trust you, O God.**

In love and faithfulness,

with all that we have and all that we are,

**this week help us to serve you, O God.**

As we speak or write or listen

to those nearby or far away,

**this week help us to share your love, O God.**

In all our plans and work

for ourselves and for others,

**this week help us to glorify you, O God.**

In every thought and word and deed,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

**this week may we live for you, O God,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

2. Almighty God,

all good things come from you.

Throughout this week,

help us to hear your word,

that we may know and speak the truth;

and to obey your word,

that we may honour you in all we do.

Deliver us from all that is false

and renew us by your Spirit,

that we may know life in all its fullness.

This we ask in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

3. Heavenly Father,

we have heard your word this day.

Give us grace to receive it,

understanding to know it,

faith to believe it

and, in this coming week,

the will to obey it;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. Lord God,

we rejoice in your greatness and power,

your gentleness and love,

your justice and mercy.

Enable us by your Spirit,

to honour you in our thoughts

and serve you in our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. Lord, you have given us grace to agree

in these our prayers,

and you have promised that when two or three

ask together in your name, you will grant their requests.

Fulfil, now, Lord, our desires and petitions

as may be best for us.

Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth,

and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

6. Eternal God and Father,

by whose power we are created

and by whose love we are redeemed:

guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves to your service,

and live this day in love to one another and to you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**