

## Faith in Foodbanks? – Prayers and Reflections



### Prayer of Thanks

Based on Nehemiah 8:9-10

You give us so much  
pour out blessing upon us.  
And yet faced with the world  
with all that is broken  
unjust and  
We grieve and weep.

And yet you are the source  
of all that is good, and all that  
comes from you is good.  
You remind us to embrace the good  
to find joy in it. You remind us to  
Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks.  
And yet in your holy days  
you remind us also to send portions  
to those who have none.

Through the work of Foodbanks  
we share the choice food and sweet drinks.  
We take joy in God's creation,  
not despite other, but alongside others.

**Amen.**

### A calling prayer

Based on Isaiah 5:8 & Matthew 25:34-36

You call us Lord to serve.  
You call us to be alongside  
the community around us.  
You call us not to abandon  
those who are in need.  
You remind us that though  
we may gain much, in the  
end we will end with nothing.  
That however much we profit  
without others we will be left  
living alone.

And yet it is in others  
that we see you.  
In the hungry whom we offer food to  
and the thirsty to who we give a drink.  
In the stranger we welcome,  
and in those we clothe.  
In the sick we care for  
and the prisoner we visit.  
In each person we meet, we see you.  
And may they through all we do, see you.

**Amen**

### Dedicating of Foodbank workers and volunteers

Based on Acts 6:1-7

In God's kingdom there are  
many roles and duties.  
These are the work of the church  
in the world, and the spirit grants us  
the gifts so as to do such work.  
For some are gifted towards some tasks  
and others to different tasks. And yet in  
the kingdom of God, no task is greater  
than the service we all give to God.  
So as the Apostles called the church to  
select from their number those who  
would see that food was fairly distributed  
to those in need. We to give thanks  
for those who continue this work.  
Those who employ their gifts so  
to ensure that all may share and partake.  
So send your spirit upon them Lord,  
strengthen them for the task to which  
they are called.  
But let us not forget, that though others  
may do the task, we cannot abandon  
it to them, that we must support them.  
And that all of this is done, so that the  
Word of God may be more widely known.

**Amen**

### Confession

Forgive us, God for our  
assumptions of others.

Forgive us, when we see  
the single parent struggling  
with children and only tut.

Forgive us, when we hear  
of those who can't find work  
and think of them as layabouts.

Forgive us, when we feel  
someone near us and recoil  
at the sight of them.

Forgive us, when we smell  
someone coming and make our  
excuses to not spend time with them.

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Forgive us, when we taste  
a thrill at seeing our selves  
as better than those around us.

Forgive us, for not taking  
the time to come to know  
what has cause these things.

Forgive us, when we do not  
speak out, and work to change  
such things in our world.

For you loved the world, and came  
to the world as it may be redeemed.  
Through this give us the strength  
to change our selves.

Let us turn back to you,  
as we hear your word's  
"Your sins are forgiven"

**Amen. Thanks be to God**