

Gifted for Ministry – Prayer Petitions

These prayers could be used at any time. If you are using the Gifted for Ministry bulletin inserts, the weeks below correspond to the inserts.

Week 1 (Insert “What Is Candidacy?”)

Prayer:

We give you thanks, O God, for you have gathered your church and created a community where all can receive the grace and mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ. To tend to the needs of your holy community, you call forth and equip people to be ministers. You call forth representatives from the church to serve on candidacy committees to accompany new ministry candidates. For these servants and those who are yet to be called forth, we pray for your Spirit’s guidance.

Week 2 (Insert “Calling Forth Gifts for Ministry”)

Prayer:

Good and gracious God, you call each of us to be attentive to the movement of your Spirit’s gifts in ourselves and one another. Make us bold to name those gifts we see in one another. Encourage us to tend and nurture those gifts so that when you call, your servants will be ready and willing to respond, going forth to serve you and your church.

Week 3 (Insert 3 “Seminary Pathways”)

Prayer:

We give you thanks, O God, for all of life and for our common calling as your servants, for the work of your church and for the ministries of word, sacrament, and service. We give you thanks for women and men whom you call to be leaders in your church and for teachers who form them for service. Through the witness and mission of our seminaries may the church join courageously in your work of compassion, mercy, justice, and peace.