

## **Prayers for Church Administrators (Secretaries, etc)**

Loving God, who created us - male and female - in your image, we give you thanks for \_\_\_\_, (name) our church administrator. You empowered the church with the gift of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and \_\_\_\_ enables (church name) to keep on running smoothly, day in and day out. He/she is often has to work at the last minute or overtime to provide the service leaflets and other special items needed for each Sunday and special events. Like your mother at the wedding of Cana, \_\_\_\_ (name) knows what needs to be done, when, and by whom. He/she is truly Christ-like in the giving and building up of this parish. We ask you to bless him/her with refreshing rest when he/she needs it and with a joy-filled heart at the end of the week when she's pushing to get the bulletins and everything else ready for Sunday in the midst of phone calls and "drop-ins" who come for a chat. It is in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus we pray, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Prayers taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book:**

Lord God, when you give to us your servants any great matter to do, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of it, until it is thoroughly finished which yields the true glory.

God of work and rest and pleasure, grant that what we do this week may be for us an offering rather than a burden; and for those we serve, may it be the help they need.

Jesus, you knew rejection and disappointment; help us if our work seems distasteful; help us to decide what best to do, what next to do, or what to do at all. Give us courage and cheerfulness to go the second mile, and all the miles ahead.

### **Prayers from "Bible Readings for Church Workers" by Harry N. Huxhold; Augsburg Publishing House. 1984**

O God, help us accept our vocations as callings from you and enable us to take pleasure in our toil through Christ.

Lord, help us to appreciate the differences in people so that we are not discouraged when the work falls to those committed in Christ.

Creator God, we thank you that you have made us your coworkers. Help us to keep the work manageable, and enable us to serve in the love of your Son.

Lord God, help us to order our work that what we do will be a blessing for many in Christ.

Heavenly Father, help us avoid stupid controversies, dissensions, and quarrels over those things that are unprofitable and useless, so that we may give a good witness to your love for us in Christ.

Heavenly Father, we confess it is difficult for us to love. Give us your Spirit that we may put on the love of Christ in serving others.

Heavenly Father, we are easily frustrated in waiting for results to our efforts. Help us to trust that waiting for you is sure in Christ.

Lord, we often become discouraged about the people we serve. Help us always to remember your steadfast love for them in Christ.

### **From 'Forward Movement - Day by Day' - A Prayer For Today**

O God, Give me strength to live another day; Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties; Let me not lose faith in other people; Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness; Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them; Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity; Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things; Grant me this day some new vision of your truth; Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness; and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **From the Book of Alternative Services: Ember Days Collect - for the whole ministry of the Church; pg.395**

Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling [as Church Administrators]; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.