



## Sample Prayers over the Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These pledge cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.**

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Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You have blessed us wildly with your abundant, abiding love so that we may be inspired to live generously. From your plentiful gifts, we give you our own first fruits, the gathering of our time, talent, and treasure. May they be a blessing to the world. **Amen.**

O God, Healer of the Sick and Restorer of Justice, we pray for those in our community who rely on the mission of this congregation of [congregation name]. Through your Son, you have shown us the way to seek and serve him in all persons. May these pledges, reflections of our gifts to mission and ministry, provide help, healing, and love for our neighbors. Bless each of us who have prayerfully and generously supported our church this year, and watch over us as we faithfully steward these gifts for their best use in the world you have given us. We ask this in the name of your Son. **Amen.**