

# Creative decisions

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## Gifts and skills (Ecclesiasticus 38:24-end)

Gracious God,  
we thank you  
for the great diversity of gifts and skills  
with which you have endowed the human race:  
gifts of body and mind,  
gifts of creativity, of perseverance,  
of wisdom and compassion,  
that together make up the fabric of this world.

Help us to encourage one another  
to fulfil the potential you bestow on us;  
to be more fully what you have created us to be,  
and to offer ourselves in service  
to the communities into which you have called us.

And may we,  
who have been given leisure to be here today,  
be blessed by each other's company  
and by your Holy Spirit at work amongst us.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

*All* **Amen.**

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Take from us any anxiety or fear  
and give us your deep peace,  
in the confidence  
that your purpose for each of us  
and for your Church  
is one for good;  
and in the confidence that we are, together,  
brothers and sisters in Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

*All* **Amen.**

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## Lead us in your ways of truth

Loving God,  
in the midst of turmoil  
and in the times of calm  
you are with us;

when our hearts are troubled  
and when our lives are at peace,  
you are with us;

whether we forget you  
or turn to you  
you are with us;

so we worship you.

We praise you for your faithfulness  
and loving kindness  
which so often we do not deserve  
yet on which we so much depend.

Be with us now  
and help us in the task  
that lies ahead of us.

Gracious God,  
as we meet together  
we pause to acknowledge  
your presence with us  
and our need of you.

You are with us  
in the joys and the muddles of our lives,  
in the easy choices and the difficult decisions,  
and we praise you.

Guide us in our thinking and speaking  
that we may hear what you are saying to us  
and find unity in a common purpose,  
as we strive to be faithful  
in the work entrusted to us  
as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

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## Work or leisure

O God,  
be present to us  
in the work and leisure of this day  
that we may reach the day's end  
having been hearers and bearers  
of good news;  
in the name of Jesus.

*All* **Amen.**

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