The General Thanksgiving

Traditional version

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Contemporary language version

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,

and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

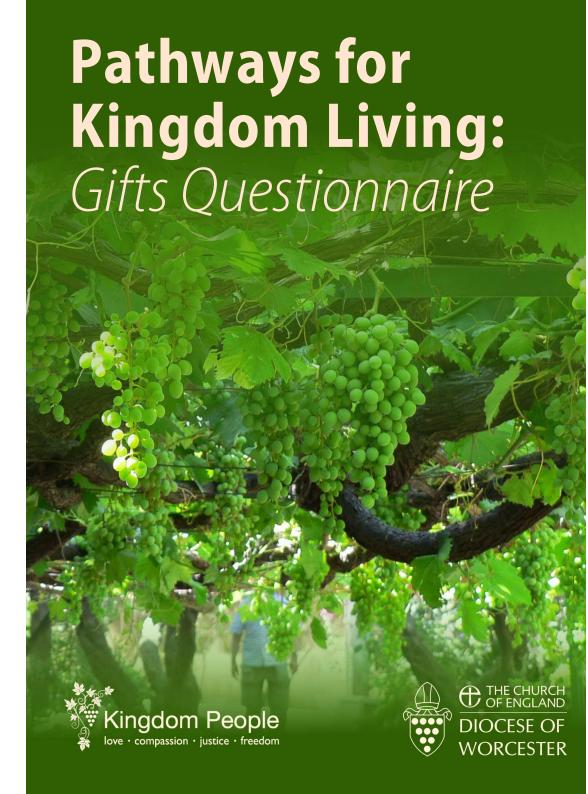
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.





Additional copies of this questionnaire, and the booklet are available from: https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/kingdom-pathways/

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The Gifts Questionnaire

Give yourself a rating for each statement on a scale 0-5:

0 is not me at all; 1 seldom applies to me; 2 sometimes applies to me; 3 fairly often applies to me; 4 usually applies to me; 5 is absolutely who I am.

		Score
1	I enjoy being with other people	
2	I dislike anyone being treated unfairly	
3	I enjoy explaining things to others	
4	I am a practical person	
5	I like to express myself artistically	
6	I am a good listener	
7	I enjoy being quiet	
8	I enjoy working for the good of the community	
9	I try to be just and to see that others are treated justly	
10	I am able to get people to see things in a new light	
11	I am detail conscious	
12	I enjoy discovering how things work	
13	I am sensitive to other people's pain	
14	I like to spend time regularly just thinking about things	
15	In groups, I am happy to take the lead	
16	I have to speak about injustice when I see it	
17	I can communicate effectively in public	
18	I am good at administration	
19	I like devising new and exciting ways of doing things	
20	I try to help people in need	
21	Contemplation is important for me	

Now use the next page to add up your scores.

Copy your scores below against each statement.

So, in Column A, write your scores for questions 1, 8 and 15, and so on..

A	В	C	D	E	F	G		
1=	2=	3=	4=	5=	6=	7=		
8=	9=	10=	11=	12=	13=	14=		
15=	16=	17=	18=	19=	20=	21=		
Add up each column and write the total for each in the cell below.								

Then transfer them to this table

Area of Gift or Strength Score

A Building community

B Seeking justice

C Teaching

D Making things work

E Creating

F Caring

G Reflection

The highest score indicates a strong gift. However, this questionnaire is only a starting point to help your thinking, it is not a full picture of who you are.

Are there some gifts and enthusiasms you feel you have which are not picked up here? Include those in your thinking about which gifts you want to use, and how you might use them.

Use this space to make notes on which gifts you want to use, and how.

An electronic version of this questionnaire is available on our website, which can add up your columns for you, along with additional copies of this booklet.