

An Oath of Commitment

As a servant of God, I commit myself to serve him diligently and ably, using my talents and skills to the utmost, according to the work that needs to be done.

I commit myself to work with my co-laborers in unity, mutual support and cooperation, honesty and integrity, flexibility, and diligence. I commit myself to discerning God's will through daily prayer, with the help of those in authority over me and the affirmation of Christian community.

A Prayer to Become God's Instrument

O, my heavenly Father, I give all of my life to you in the name of Your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, and through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

I have heard You calling me, and I choose to follow where Your Son leads me. I want to help others find their way into Your kingdom.

I want to serve others so that they can experience Your love.

Use me.

Use the hurts and sufferings I've endured.

Use the talents, the resources, the time, the experiences, the spiritual growth and everything else You have given me.

Use me.

Help me to love all people unconditionally to reveal Jesus to others through me.

Help me to grow in my desire to love all people.

Today, and every day, help me to decrease so that You may increase in me.

Help me to love purely, humbly, and generously.

Show me how to receive more of Your love so that I have more love to give.

Heal me of every obstacle that holds me back from serving You.

I give You permission to change me.

Here I am, Lord, I want to do Your will. Amen.

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission. I may not know what it is in this life. But I shall be told in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing.

I shall do good. I shall do His work. Therefore I will trust Him.

Whatever I do, wherever I am, I cannot be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.

~ Cardinal John Henry Newman
(1801-1890)