

TOMORROW'S CALLING

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The Call

(Matthew 7: 7-8)

Yes, I shall seek to find what only I can do.

But sometimes 'can' is only known through 'must'.

Yes, I shall ask to receive clear directions.

*But sometimes all that's left to do is take the first step
and the next step and the next,
because the way ahead is dark
and the map does not go beyond this point.*

Yes, I shall knock on the door of certainties.

But it remains resolutely closed.

*The only door for which I have the key
is the one on which someone is hammering for me to let them in,
perhaps (who knows?) to ask me
to do the thing that only I can do.*

Lord Jesus,

whose call to follow you has been heard by men and women throughout the ages,
we pray for all today who hear the call to discipleship as an insistent claim upon our lives.

May we find within our churches a true community of care and belonging,
mutual support in the challenges and changes of daily life,

and the inspiration of your Spirit in common witness to your love and justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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We pray especially today for those people, women and men amongst us,
who hear your voice calling them in a new direction,
perhaps to new forms of ministry, perhaps in leadership
and are seeking wisdom and guidance in their discernment.

When the way ahead is unclear or confusing,
when the conflicting demands of life make certainty impossible,
bless them with courage in the face of the unknown,
time and space for you to speak through their doubt,
and trust in your continuing creativity and love in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we offer you our lives.

Our past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets,
our present, with its struggles and accomplishments, its hopes and setbacks,
our future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and potential;
trusting the hand that made the world,
trusting the Spirit that breathes life,
trusting the love that will not let us go,
trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.

So may it be for all exploring what your call means for their lives.

So may it be for all of us.

Amen.