

## Appendix: Prayers and Scripture for Discernment

### Prayers:

- Book of Common Prayer, page 45, Prayer #12 During the Vacancy of a Pastoral Charge

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Book of Alternative Services,
  - page 676, Occasional Prayers #3 At a Time of Appointment

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose an incumbent for this parish, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- page 111, Litany #1 closing prayer

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

- Prayers within the Ordination of Priests service in the BCP (from page 644) or the BAS (from page 643) may also be adapted.

### Scriptures:

- The Church: Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 24:13-35
- The Laity: 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; Ephesians 4:1-16; Matthew 28:16-20
- The Ordination of a Priest: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-4; John 6:35-38; 10:11-18
- The Pastoral Ministry: 1 Corinthians 4; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matthew 7:7-12
- The Priesthood: Hebrews 4:14-5:10; John 15:1-17
- The Cost of Ministry: Revelation 5:6-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 6:15; Matthew 9:35-10:39
- The Discipline of Ministry: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; John 21:15-19
- The Prayer of Union: John 17
- Prayer for One Another: Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-19; Philippians 1:3-11
- The Faithfulness of God: Romans 8:31-39; Matthew 5:1-12, 6:19-34