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## A PRAYER FOR DIACONAL MINISTRY

Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you.

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love, you never cease to provide faithful ministers for Your people. Since the time of the apostles you have inspired the church to commission certain members of your church to assist in particular ways in the mission of Christ. We pray for those who are discerning the call to serve the church as deacons.

Gracious God, make each of us an instrument of your grace. Give us Your grace to relieve needs by means of material gifts and to instill the comfort of your holy Word into the hearts of the afflicted, that they may put their trust in you alone. May our actions and ministries make your love known, particularly to those among us who are poor, lost and forgotten, sick and suffering and most in need. Bless us with courage and perseverance, to be the hearers and doers of your Word; ministers to all people; friends of the poor; voices of the voiceless; and servants of our Lord Jesus. Help us to remember the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who in fulfilling the ministry you gave to him: Came to serve, rather than be served. Bless us Lord, that we may be humble and faith-inspired in our service.



In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR DIACONAL SUNDAY 2017

- Enviado soy de Dios* (The Lord Now Sends Us Forth) ..... EvLW #538
- Here I Am, Lord ..... EvLW #574
- Will You Come and Follow Me ..... EvLW #798,
- This Little Light of Mine ..... EvLW #677
- We Are Called ..... EvLW #720
- Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? ..... EvLW #659
- Hymn of Diaconia (*Erli Mansk e Rodolfo Gaede Neto*) ..... [luteranos.com.br/textos/diaconia-5](http://luteranos.com.br/textos/diaconia-5)

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