## Vocations

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God of all people, Light beyond the cosmos, who shines into this world with love and acceptance, we give you thanks for all the people who have responded to your calling.

We give thanks for people who have been called to ordained ministry and devote their lives to serving the Church, putting others first.

We give thanks for people who have been called to different Church roles: pioneers, preachers, evangelists, administrators, cleaners, worship leaders, musicians, trustees, stewards, secretaries, chaplains, lay workers, local lay-pastors, children and youth workers...

We give thanks for people who have been called to serve you with their gifts in many different places: hospitality, teaching, encouraging, administration, singing, caring, giving, helping, listening, leading, reading, gentleness, cooking, baking, serving, creativity... We particularly give you thanks for the people who, having responded to God's calling, were able to inspire us and help us in our faith journey...

A time of silence where people may be encouraged to share names or write them down.

Loving and enabling God,
We give you thanks for the gift of your Church,
where people are given the opportunities and support
to train and develop in ministry and mission,
where they respond to your call
and are equipped by your Church.

We particularly give you thanks for people who encourage and enable others in their discipleship and vocation, recognising and affirming the gifts you have given and enabling others to respond and follow you.

We give thanks for all God's people. Amen.

