

Amen: 40 Days of Prayer

Giving Sunday

I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. (Matthew 16:18, New Living Translation)

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. . . . [so] let your light shine!
(Matthew 5:14–16, English Standard Version)*

O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. . .

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! O Lord our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!

*I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. . . . I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.
(1 Chronicles 29:10–17, NLT)*

I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had. (Mark 12:42–44, NLT)

Do this in remembrance of me. (1 Corinthians 11:23, NLT)

If you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ,

you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. (1 Corinthians 11:29–31, NLT)

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it, for this is my body.'

(Matthew 26:26, NLT)

*And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.
(Matthew 26:27–28, NLT)*