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Gracious God, who calls us all to work with you for the sake of your kingdom, open our ears to the sound of your voice through the needs of your world, your church, and the communities in which you have placed us.

Help us to listen to the gentle calling of your Spirit as we open our lives to your call upon us. In the midst of the many voices which clamour for our attention help us to look for and listen for the leading of your Holy Spirit.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all those entering on a new stage in their lives, a change in career, a new job, parenting, a rethinking of life, moving home, retirement life as a single....

Give them your help and the security of your presence to know that when you call you also equip. May the challenges of new opportunities bring with them the joy of doing your will.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all Christians called by you to serve you in the world of business and commerce. May the integrity that faith in Christ brings shine forth in all their work. Enable them to work for human flourishing more than financial gain and give them wisdom in some of the hard decisions they will face.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all those blessed with practical skills of building, fixing, repairing, problem solving; those who work with modern technology whose contribution to everyday living is immeasurable. Help them to use their creativity for the well being of the communities they serve.

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

For Christians called by you to use their gifts in healing, teaching, listening, counselling and encouraging others: NHS workers, social workers, counsellors, volunteers, lecturers and teachers, hospice workers that in dealing with people they may reflect the dignity that you see in all people.

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Lord, graciously hear us.

For women and men who have to make hard decisions in politics, in the armed forces, in the emergency services, sometimes decisions of life and death and the appropriate use of scarce resources. For those called to tend and care for the earth and its produce who are co-creators with you, bless them with wisdom discernment and humility.

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Lord graciously hear us.

We pray, too, for those entrusted with leading the Christian church: for denominational leaders, for ministers, Church Related Community Workers, elders, local leaders and all those called to proclaim the gospel and lead our Christian communities. Deepen their faith, so that rooted and grounded in Christ and incarnating his love, they might encourage, teach and inspire your people to be his body in the world.

Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those whose vocation in this life is ending, grant them your peace and the assurance of your presence, friends who will grieve but also rejoice in lives well-lived in your service,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.