

# TOMORROW'S CALLING

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Blessed be God our Creator  
source of life and light  
the One in whom we live and move and have our being

Blessed be Christ our Redeemer  
the carpenter from Nazareth  
who once shaped wood with his hands  
and now shapes souls with his love

Blessed be the Spirit Holy  
reviving and refreshing God's church  
disturbing us with God's passion for justice and truth

God of mystery and wonder  
in the history of Your people Israel  
in the calling of the first disciples  
but above all in the life of Your Son  
grace and mercy have come into the world

We thank You that as once Jesus called women and men to follow him  
You are still calling people into the life of Your kingdom and the service of the church

As we bless You for the saints of history and heaven  
we recall that Isaiah thought he was a man of unclean lips  
and Samuel thought he was too young and inexperienced  
and Mary wondered what it all meant  
while Simon Peter doubted he was good enough to accept Your call  
and we pray You will remind us of Your promise is to make us and all things new.

We thank You for those ministers and Sunday School teachers  
elders and church members  
ordinary and everyday saints  
who awakened and nurtured our faith  
and brought us into the life and worship of the church

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We bless You for all who following in Christ's way of costly love  
continue to offer their gifts in witness to Your grace, mercy and peace

We pray Your richest blessing on Tomorrow's Calling,  
encouraging people to explore their sense of vocation  
and to discover the joy of serving You through the different ministries of the Church.

And we ask Your Spirit will move in our hearts  
awakening us to the opportunities You set before us  
and guiding us to answer Your call in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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