
A Lay Reader's Personal Prayer

Almighty God,

thank you for the honour and joy
of being called to your service
as a Lay Reader in your Church.

Renew me with your Spirit,
that in worship and in service
I may be faithful to your call.

Give me enthusiasm to share the task
with those you have called to serve in other ways,
that together we may proclaim your great salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A Lay Reader's Hymn

Will you come and follow Me, if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known?
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind, if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found, to reshape the world around?
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, your summons echoes true, when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go, where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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