

## Called and Gifted Prayer

Loving Father,  
pour out your spirit on us  
and on our Called and Gifted process.

Guide us to know how you are calling  
us personally to be channels of your  
love and provision to others.

Grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service  
that those we meet may encounter our  
risen Lord, Jesus, in whose name we  
humbly make this prayer.

Amen



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# What is Called and Gifted?



God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends his love to reach others. The Called and Gifted process is an opportunity to start to recognise your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. Come and discover these charisms.

Called and Gifted has three stages.

**The first stage** is some teaching, which includes talks on being lay disciples, the lay vocation and explanation of a range of charisms.

This stage can happen either:

On a Saturday, between about 9am and 4.30pm

Or, we can add "retreat elements" so that participants have time to think and discuss and connect the teaching with themselves.

This generally takes place during a Saturday afternoon and evening and for a few hours after Sunday morning mass.

**The second stage** is a private discernment Conversation with a trained member of the team, which will help you recognise patterns in your life that might indicate the presence of a charism

**The third stage** is meeting three times in a small discernment group, following a process to look in detail at using one charism in your everyday life.

Usually there about 5 people in the group.

All parishioners will then meet together at the end, with their parish priest and perhaps members of a Parish Council or Evangelisation Strategy Team, to share experiences and confirmed charisms, and look at how the community can support each person in using their charisms in their everyday life as well as for the mission of the Church.