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Pr Tom Olson from St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minn. forwarded this offertory prayer to me. He found it on the ELCA Larger Congregation blog. It is cited that the source of this is Pr Meredith Bedker Musaus from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, Wis., who passed it on from Pr Mark Jaramillo of Norway Lutheran Church, Wind Lake, Wis.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

ALL:

Your church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I  
invite and bring them.

It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you,  
if I am open to such growth and service.

Therefore, with your help Lord, we shall dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things  
you want your church to be.

Amen.