

Proper for Deaconesses, by Bishop Thorold, 1924

O Lord of souls, Who hast chosen and called me to service in Thy Church,  
all my trust is in Thee, for in Thee are the springs of my life.  
Abundantly give me of Thy Blessed Spirit, without Whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy; and use me as it shall please Thee for the glory of Thy name.  
Make my will patient, my conscience pure, my temper bright. Empty me of self,  
and fill me with the meekness of wisdom. Increase my faith, mellow my judgment,  
stir my zeal, enlarge my heart. Let my life enforce what my lips utter.  
Do Thou choose for me the work I do, and the place in which I do it; the success I win,  
and the harvest I reap. Preserve me from jealousy and impatience, from self-will  
and depression. Make me faithful unto death, and then give me the crown of life.  
All which I ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Provided by Deacon Geraldine Swanson, June 2020

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