



From Bishop Alan ~

As we enter more fully into this Eastertide, I am inviting you to pray with me as we ask God to reflect God's generosity in us and move us to be cheerful givers.

"If you are doing more than can be adequately covered in prayer, then you are doing too much." These words from the late Reverend John Stott, have been foundational in my life for fifty-five years. And so it is only right to ground our GILEAD launch over the next few weeks with the GILEAD Prayer.

Please consider offering this prayer in your daily times of reflection:

Gracious and Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving for all of our blessings. You are the source of all. Give us grace to be wise stewards of your creation and inspire us to prepare your church to bear fruits of love, hope, joy, and peace in a rapidly changing world. May our faith and our stewardship bless the world through a renewed church, visionary leaders and engaged disciples. All this we ask with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

ON PENTECOST 2019, JUNE 9TH, you are invited to make more resources available to congregations across the state and globally in the form of a diocesan community fund called GILEAD, a campaign to raise \$5 million by making a three-year pledge of 3% of your income each year for the next three years.

Stay Tuned: Upcoming inserts will cover how your pledge benefit the whole Diocese of Iowa by EQUIPPING, STRENGTHENING AND COLLABORATING together for the future.