

Stay With Me by John Henry Newman Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as thou shinest: so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from thee. None of it will be mine. No merit to me. It will be thou who shinest through me upon others. O let me thus praise thee, in the way which thou dost love best, by shining on all those around me. Give light to them as well as to me: light them with me, through me. Teach me to show forth thy praise, thy truth, thy will. Make me preach thee without preaching -- not just by words, but by my example and by the catching force, the sympathetic influence, of what I do, by my visible resemblance to thy saints, and the evident fullness of the love which my heart bears to thee.

Collect for Mission
Lord Jesus Christ,
you stretched out your arms of love
on the hard wood of the cross
that everyone might come
within the reach
of your saving embrace:
So clothe us in your Spirit that we,
reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those
who do not know you to the
knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your Name.
Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; this we pray in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer of Self Dedication