

John Wesley adapted the following prayer around 1781. It has been used in Methodist Churches all over the world. Though the words may seem odd, the meaning is as true today as it was in the days of John Wesley.

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

John Wesley started this prayer by saying:

Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult. Some bring honour, others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both . . . Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**