

## Prayer

Here is a sample prayer that clergy members may like to incorporate in a service for the Donor Recognition Program. It can also be included as a written prayer in a weekly bulletin.

O God,

We thank Thee for the gift of Life. May we always cherish this gift and protect it in the cradle of responsibility.

May we understand that our bodies are the houses of Thy infinite spirit.

The mortal house is a temporary abode, but within is the brilliant light of eternity.

Every chamber is a repository of vitality. Each is a place of life. Together, they form a Temple of God.

Amen.

## Benediction

Here is a sample Benediction a clergy member may like to include at the end of a Donor Recognition Program.

As we go from this House of Worship, may we take with us the words and the spirit that our faith offers us.

Here, we learn of and sing praises for the gift of life. We declare that while we live our bodily form is the vessel that receives God's light. May we be worthy bearers of that light in bodies which are strong and healthy.

From our eyes, may the light shine brightly so that in the darkness we may see the needs of others.

Through our ears, may we hear beyond the noise of self-interest to the calls for help from those in need.

May our hearts beat with compassion and our arms be strong in reaching out to lift up those who stumble.

And after life has gone from us, may we still remain the messengers of Thy Light. May the sparks house within us, because of our offering of love, become the flame of light for others.

Amen.

1. SEOPF/UNOS. *Organ and Tissue Donation: A Reference Guide for Clergy*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed Cooper ML, Taylor GJ, eds. Richmond, VA: UNOS; 2000.