

Prayer for St. Stephen's Parish

O God, we pray
that you will make the doorways
of our church wide enough
to receive all who need love
and fellowship and your care;
narrow enough to shut out
envy, pride, and uncharitableness.

Make its threshold smooth enough
to be no stumbling block
to the children,
to the weak,
or to those with straying feet,
but rugged and strong enough
to turn away the tempter's power.

Make the doorways to our church,
O God, a gateway to your kingdom.

May all that we do
be to your honor and glory,
to the building up of this parish,
and to the extension of your kingdom.

All this we ask in the name
of your Son our Savior,
Jesus Christ.

Amen.