

# [4] Appendix

## A PRAYER FOR PROJECT PLANNING



### **Creator God,**

Inspire us and shape us as we embark on this journey. Give us imagination to see what is possible.

### **God of Wisdom,**

Help us to listen with humility and discernment to you, each other and our community. Give us wisdom to make the right choices and decisions.

### **Good Shepherd,**

Guide our footsteps and fill our hearts with hope. Help us to trust you to direct our plans and make our paths straight.

### **God of Grace,**

Grant us the courage to face challenges with resilience and determination. Supply our needs so that we can share your good gifts with others.

### **Faithful God,**

Help us to trust in you, even when we can't see the way ahead. Bless us with patience and perseverance.

### **Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done.**

**Amen.**

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6**

## SOURCES OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT

A well-planned funding strategy is essential for sustainability. Consider exploring funding directories, grant databases, and networks that support faith-based and community projects. Some resources to explore:

- **National funding directories** with faith-based grant opportunities.
- **Local council and government funding schemes** supporting community initiatives.
- **Trusts and foundations** focused on social impact.
- **Corporate sponsorships** and business partnerships for in-kind or financial contributions.

## GROUP DISCUSSION FACILITATION TIPS

A facilitator plays a crucial role in bringing people together, providing structure to discussions, and ensuring inclusivity. Here are key points to consider before leading a session:

- **Venue:** Ensure accessibility and comfort for all participants.
- **Room setup:** Arrange seating so that everyone can see and hear each other.
- **Participants:** Consider whether the group is familiar with each other or if introductions or icebreakers are needed. Are there any disabilities or hidden disabilities that you need to be aware of?
- **Discussion approach:** Encourage quieter participants to share without pressure. Breaking into smaller groups can help.
- **Managing silence:** Don't fear moments of silence, allowing time for reflection can enhance participation.