

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Lord, we thank You for bringing us together in Your name. We have come to speak and to listen, to pray and to share, that we may better understand what it means to be Your disciples, to be the stewards of Your many gifts. We believe that You are present among us as You promised, Lord; and so with confidence, we bring our prayers before you:

That like the good steward in the Gospel, we may be ready when the Master comes, we pray to the Lord...

R. Lord, hear our prayer

That we may know and do what You ask of us, and so be found trustworthy, we pray to the Lord...

R. Lord, hear our prayer

That the Holy Spirit, whose gracious action conforms us to Jesus Christ and to the Church, will enlighten us all and help us to renew our commitment as the Lord's disciples and as stewards of his bountiful gifts, we pray to the Lord...

R. Lord, hear our prayer

All together:

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is 'the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.' We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen