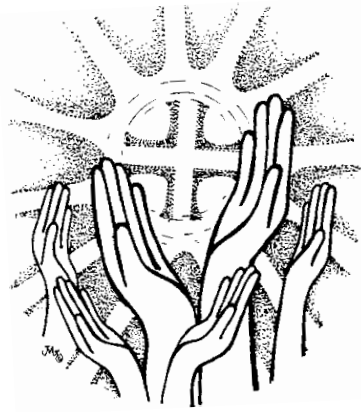


## ***Gracious God***

Gracious God, we thank you for the unique gifts you have given us to extend your Kingdom here on earth. May we be challenged to reconsider our priorities and values, always placing God and faith at the center of our life.



Help us become more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors. Open our hearts to the realization that we are called to give up something of ourselves so that life can flourish. When we give this way we are changed and will make a difference in the lives of others.

Jesus, help us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of our love.

We pray this in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

Amen.

## **Stewardship Prayer**

God my Creator,  
you made me all that I am and gave me all that I have.  
Help me show my gratitude  
by using these gifts to serve others in your name.

Jesus my Redeemer,  
you taught me the way to eternal life  
by your example of loving service to others.  
Grant me the courage to respond to your call to Discipleship  
by following in your footsteps.

Holy Spirit of God,  
be with me as I choose each day to put you first in my life.  
Let me be a model of Christian Stewardship  
so others will come to know you through my actions.

I pray, dear Lord,  
that you open the minds and hearts  
of all the men, women and young people of our parishes,  
that we may joyfully accept your challenge  
to be good stewards.

Amen.

## Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom,

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.