

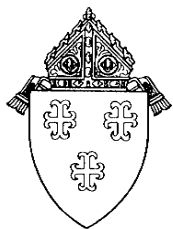


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GUIDE

FOR A TWO YEAR CYCLE
OF STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS



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January – Year 1

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share in our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.

February – Year 1

Lord Jesus, you came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving. You told us that those who cling too tightly to what they have, without thought for you or others, end up losing everything. You gave us new values by which to measure the worth of a person's life.

Help us to realize it is not temporal success or riches or fame that gives life meaning. Rather it is the service rendered to You and others that brings fulfillment and makes our lives worthwhile.

May all our activity help build God's Kingdom, our obedience bring true freedom, our generosity increase love, our sacrifice bear generous fruit, our death lead to eternal life.

Amen.

March – Year 1

Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you. And that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen.

April – Year 1

Generous God, I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me: my life, my family, my friends, my time, my talent and my material possessions. All that I have comes from you. Help me to remember this and to rejoice in your goodness.

Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all members of my faith community.

Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love and to your call. Be with me each day as I choose to show your presence in our world and to share the gift of my life in service to others.

Give me the strength to become a better disciple of Jesus and to live out my discipleship as a faithful steward. Help me to heed the call to “Come Follow Me.” I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship my way of life.

Amen.

May – Year 1

Almighty Father, as your disciples, teach us to do Your will, to be Your servants. Guide us to become stewards of our given vocations, discerning what gifts You have given us, to continue carrying out Your divine plan.

Let us continue to work together, as we proclaim and teach, serve and sanctify, sowing Your fields, caring for Your world, giving generously of our time, our talents and our treasure.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

June – Year 1

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.

July - Year 1

Almighty Father, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show the way to eternal life.

Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing us that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him.

Please help us grow in your love and in the strength to give of ourselves to others so that we may follow your Son's example and help all people to complete His mission of salvation.

May the offerings of our time, our talents and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

August - Year 1

Gracious and loving God, your son, our Lord Jesus, teaches us that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from you. We praise you for your glory and give you thanks for the blessings you bestow upon us. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to follow in the ways of Jesus and to use your gifts wisely, especially by helping and serving others.

Heavenly Father, it is our faith in you and your absolute love for us that gives us the comfort to know that you will provide for us. With your guidance, we will strive to give of our gifts of time, talent and financial resources to build your kingdom and spread the Gospel message of your Son.

We ask for your blessings on all members of our parish and diocesan family, so that united as one body in Christ, we can do your work on earth, all in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

September - Year 1

Creator God, at Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we move along on our faith journey. Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

October – Year 1

Lord, thank you for the many gifts You have given us. As Your faithful stewards, guide our hands as we tend to Your garden, lift our voices as we proclaim Your words and encourage us as we work to build Your Kingdom.

We are one family of faith, a community brought together to share in the Eucharist. Through Your sacrifice, You continue to inspire us.

As stewards of Your many gifts, help us to use these gifts through love and service in Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

November – Year 1

Honor be yours, O Mother of God.
We rejoice in thanksgiving for signs of God's love.
We take great joy in the fruitfulness of the earth,
in good harvests, in full barns, and in the special sign given to us this day.
We are grateful for the harvest-fullness of life itself
for the blessings of health and the fruits of the Spirit which have come to us.
Together with all those who love your Son, Jesus,
we rejoice in Him Who was the Fruit of Your Womb,
the harvest gift of history
and an eternal blessing to each of us.
Mary, Blessed Mother and Gateway to Mystic Love,
help us to be united with all those who love God and seek truth.
May our gratitude this day for the special gifts that have come to us,
be praise and honor for our God, the Lord of all gifts.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
we thank you for your intercession
and ask that you carry our prayer of gratitude straightaway to the heart of God.
Amen.

December – Year 1

O God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parishes and our diocese, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the spreading of your Kingdom here in our Church, our diocese and throughout the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

January - Year 2

Lord and source of all gifts, we your people, rejoice in the fullness of your generosity.

We thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give us courage to do the same.

Make us good stewards of all we have received, generously sharing our time, talents and treasure to build your kingdom of love and justice.

We ask this through Jesus Christ in whom we begin and end all things.

Amen.

February - Year 2

Dear Lord,

I pray that You give me the wisdom to guide me on this faith journey of stewardship. Help me to understand that everything I have is a gift from You. Open up my heart and my mind so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to You here on earth. I pray, Lord, that You welcome me into Your kingdom at the end of my life and that You are pleased with what I have done with all Your gifts.

Amen.

March - Year 2

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 parish,
that we may joyfully accept your challenge to be good stewards.

Amen.

April – Year 2

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts. As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

May – Year 2

Gracious God,

We thank you
for the wonder of all that you have bestowed upon us.

You give us eyes to see your presence,
ears to listen to your voice,
mouths to speak your name,
hands to help those in need.

Help us to use the gifts you give us in service to others.

Help us to always be good stewards of the earth and its resources.

Help us to see in all things the ways in which we can reach out to others.

We ask this through Jesus, who spent His time on earth
showing us the way to live and love.

Amen.

June – Year 2

O merciful God, you are the provider of all that we are and all that we have. You open wide your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature. Make us always grateful for your loving mercy and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

July - Year 2

O God, our creator and giver of all good gifts, we praise you and we thank you for the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Nourish our hearts with the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may share generously and joyfully the gifts we have received. Bless our parish and our diocese and strengthen our faith. We ask all of this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

August - Year 2

Creator God,

Life is your gift to me.

Through Baptism,
you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others.

Be with me
as I choose each day
to show your presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity
to respond to your love, to your call.

I pray especially for those
who serve you in ministry
throughout the parishes of our diocese.

May we bring the Good News to those in need.

Keep us close to you.

Open the minds and hearts of many others
- men, women and young people -
that they may accept your challenge
to build the Kingdom in our parishes.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

September - Year 2

Generous God, knowing that everything good comes from you, remind us to be constantly thankful for all You give us. Help us to use those gifts to build up Your Kingdom. Prompt us to share those gifts as generously as You want us to, so that You will call us home as good and faithful stewards.

Amen.

October – Year 2

All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
All things are of your making.
All times and seasons obey you.
You chose to create us in your own image, and set us over the whole world in all its wonder.
You made us the stewards of creation, to praise you every day for your wisdom and power.
May we imitate your Son, Jesus, in his life of service.
May we be faithful stewards of all your gifts among the people of God.
Amen.

November – Year 2

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you see.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind to think as you think.
I give you my spirit so that you may pray in me.
I give you my self so that you may grow in me.
So that it is you, Lord Jesus, who lives and works and prays in me.

Amen.

December – Year 2

My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Your parish may incorporate these Stewardship Prayers during the celebration of Mass throughout the year, or only during your renewal period. Be sure to ensure that enough copies of the prayer are available. A Stewardship Prayer can also be placed on the inside covers of the missals or songbooks.

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