

STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS

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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 You.

We pledge to You 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.



Creator Spirit, come and bless us with Heavenly grace.

You are called by the names of Paraclete, Gift of God Most High, Spring of Life, Fire, Love, and the Soul's Anointing.

You are the Finger of the Father's Right Hand. You are the clear Promise of the Father. Give our human tongues the grace of inspired speech.

Kindle Your Light in our minds, pour Your Love into our hearts and uphold with Your Unfailing Strength the frailty of our human nature.

Drive our enemy far from us and give us Your gift of peace. Ever guiding us, may we be always the stewards of Your Love.

Grant that through You, Most Holy Spirit, we may know the Father and the Son, and our faith professing, God, Three in One. Holy Spirit of Love, teach us that stewardship is the disciple's response.

Amen.



Lord God,

We praise You and we thank You for Your tender, faithful Love. Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift.

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

Amen.



Loving and Gracious God,

Bless us as we build for Your Church a house of prayer for all people. Help us provide for Your children a place where You will reveal Your Presence by sacramental signs, a place Your Holy Word will be proclaimed and lived, and a place Your family of faith will be fed and strengthened for service.

By the gift of the Holy Spirit, bless this endeavor and enable us to be living temples of Your glory, until by Your grace we are gathered into the Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LIVE IN MY LIFE

Lord,

I invite You to live in my life today.

Here is my face – Smile through it.

Here is my mouth – Speak to someone with it.

Here are my ears – Listen to someone with them.

Here is my heart – Love someone with it.

Here are my hands – Touch someone with them.

Here are my arms – Hug someone with them.

Here are my feet – Walk with them this day.

Amen.

O Lord, Giver of life and Source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from Your hand. Gracious and Loving Father, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the Love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' Name.

Amen.



Praised are You, O God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time in worship and prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the spread of Your Kingdom here in our Church 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 now and forever. Amen.



Lord Jesus Christ,
when Your Hour had come
to depart from this world to the Father,
You loved us to the end.
Knowing that the Father had given all things
into Your Hands,
You took basin and towel
and washed Your disciples' feet.
Good Teacher and Lord,

we wish to follow the example You left us that night.
Help us bow down and wash one another clean with forgiveness.
Give us strength to lift up those laid low
by hunger and thirst, by cold and nakedness,
by contempt and despair.
Inspire generous support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal,
and make us worthy to hand on the great gift of Your Mercy. Amen.



God of Love and Mercy, You call us to be Your people;
You gift us with Your abundant grace.
Make us a holy people, radiating the fullness of Your Love.
Form us into a community, a people who care,
expressing Your compassion.
Remind us day after day of our baptismal call to serve
with joy and courage.
Teach us how to grow in wisdom and grace and joy
in Your presence.
Through Jesus and in Your Spirit, we make this prayer.
Amen.



O Lord, the 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.



God our Father, make us to think more of what we can give to life and less of what we can get out of it.

May we be mindful that we hold our gifts, our talents, our possessions, our life itself, in trust for You and the service of mankind.

Save us from thinking only of our own needs and desires; and help us to remember that it is more blessed to give than receive, according to the teaching of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- Written by Frank Colquhoun



All generous God, You poured Yourself out in creation, were totally spent in Christ's Death on the Cross, and continue to give Yourself through the gift of Your Holy Spirit to us.

Give us generous hearts; that, in response to Your Love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deserves;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do Thy Will,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

Almighty God, Your loving Hand has given us all we possess. Grant us grace that we may honor You with our substance, and, remembering our call to lovingly share our gifts, may be faithful stewards of Your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of Your Son Jesus and good stewards of all Your many gifts.
Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of Your countless blessings.
Transform us through the power of Your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor, and generous sharing.
Teach us to be faithful servants of Your gifts.
With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.
We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Father,

All that we are and everything we have are Your gifts to us.

We thank You for this abundance of blessings.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and help us to serve You as generous stewards of all that You have given us.

Help us to share all we have in our homes, our parishes and our schools, in our places of work and in our wider communities.

Help us to work together in recognizing Your gifts and Your Love in those with whom we share our lives.

Together, may we bear much fruit as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



A LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Dear Lord,

We come before You today to ask You to help us be more generous.

We pray:

Response: *Gracious God, give us generous hearts.*

Leader: So we may fully appreciate all Your many gifts to us...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may give without counting the cost...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may share without expecting something in return...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may know the joy that comes from helping others...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may share all that You have given us...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may hold all our treasures in an open hand...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may recognize the many blessings in each new day...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: So we may learn the difference between what we need and what we want...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts

Leader: So we may ever thank You and serve You...

R: Gracious God, give us generous hearts.

Leader: Lord, we ask all of this, knowing that You will always give us all that we need. Please bless the work we do for You today and always.

ALL: Amen.



Good and loving God,

Source of every grace and blessing, we bring You thanks this day for the many gifts You have given us. We seek to be good stewards, Lord! Bless us as we gather to share Your gifts.

Send us Your Spirit and be present among us –

in the mouth of all who speak,

in the ears of all who listen,

at the heart of all we say and do.

We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

- National Catholic Stewardship Council 1998 Conference Prayer



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 my heart and my mind so that I may use these marvelous gifts to give back to You here on Earth.

I pray 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.



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 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.



O Lord,

I know that at the end of my life You will ask me to account for the talents and gifts You have bestowed on me. May I be able to reply that I made a difference on behalf of Your Kingdom on Earth.

I know, O Lord, that You seek a response from me, expressing my love for You. In carrying out my response, may I find joy in being of service to Your creation, Your Church worldwide, my

country, my parish, my neighborhood, and my family.

Calling on the Holy Spirit for guidance, may my response to You bring me gladness of heart, in knowing that the image of Your Son is growing stronger in my soul, as I become a good steward of Your gifts.

Amen.

Generous God,

I give You thanks for the gifts You have given me — my life, my family, my friends, my time, talents, and material possessions. All that I have comes from You. Help me to remember this and 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 the good people in our parish and community.

Renew in me Your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus — to be a disciple.

Help me hear Your call to “*Come, follow Me.*” I give glory to You, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen.

Good and gracious God,

We thank You for all we are, and all we possess. Everything is a gift from Your infinite generosity. How bountiful is Your kindness! How enduring Your mercy!

You have bestowed all these blessings on us, Your unworthy servants. Our use of these gifts will manifest both our gratitude and our awareness of just how dependent we are on Your grace.

As we explore our responsibility to be good stewards, fill us with the compassion of Jesus, Your Son.

Give us eyes to see the needs of those around us, in the faces of our neighbors near and far.
Give us hearts that are moved by the pleas of those who cry out on behalf of the children, the refugees, the sick, and the suffering.

Give us hands that are eager to share what You have entrusted to us.

Give us feet to venture wherever the Spirit leads.

As we resolve to be mindful of the needs of others, we pray that You instill in us *Your* kindness and *Your* mercy. Free us from all attachments to things of this world. Keep us focused in our mission of good stewardship.

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.



Prayer for Guidance

Most loving God, You have placed an important task before us.

There will be challenges, which we will meet bolstered by Your strength.

There will be decisions to make, which we will discern with Your guidance.

There will be work to do, which we will accomplish fed by Your grace.

We ask You to be with us as we continue this adventure in faith.

Help us to see the great good that will be accomplished when we answer

Your call to build the Kingdom.

We ask this through the intercession of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



A Stewardship Prayer for Focus

Where should I begin, Jesus, to unclutter my life?

I have yielded to temptation and filled my days with more commitments than I can comfortably manage.

Help me to make myself a little less busy.

Free my time.

I have crowded my space with too much baggage: with gadgets and conveniences and possessions.

Help me to let go of whatever I cling to.

Free my hands.

I have filled my head with trivial distractions: news and weather, gossip and prejudices.

Help me to focus on more important concerns.

Free my mind.

Jesus, my life is cluttered with more idols than I realized. I have given to them a reverence they do not deserve.

Teach me to renounce their claim on me, and end my divided allegiance. Guide me to a simpler life and more generous service.

Amen.

- Bishop Kenneth E. Untener (1937-2004)



Prayer for a Leap of Faith

Lord, we have indeed taken a leap of faith.

Grant us the grace to feel Your presence,

the wisdom to heed Your word,

and the courage to stay the course.

Amen.



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 into a communion 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 our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus.

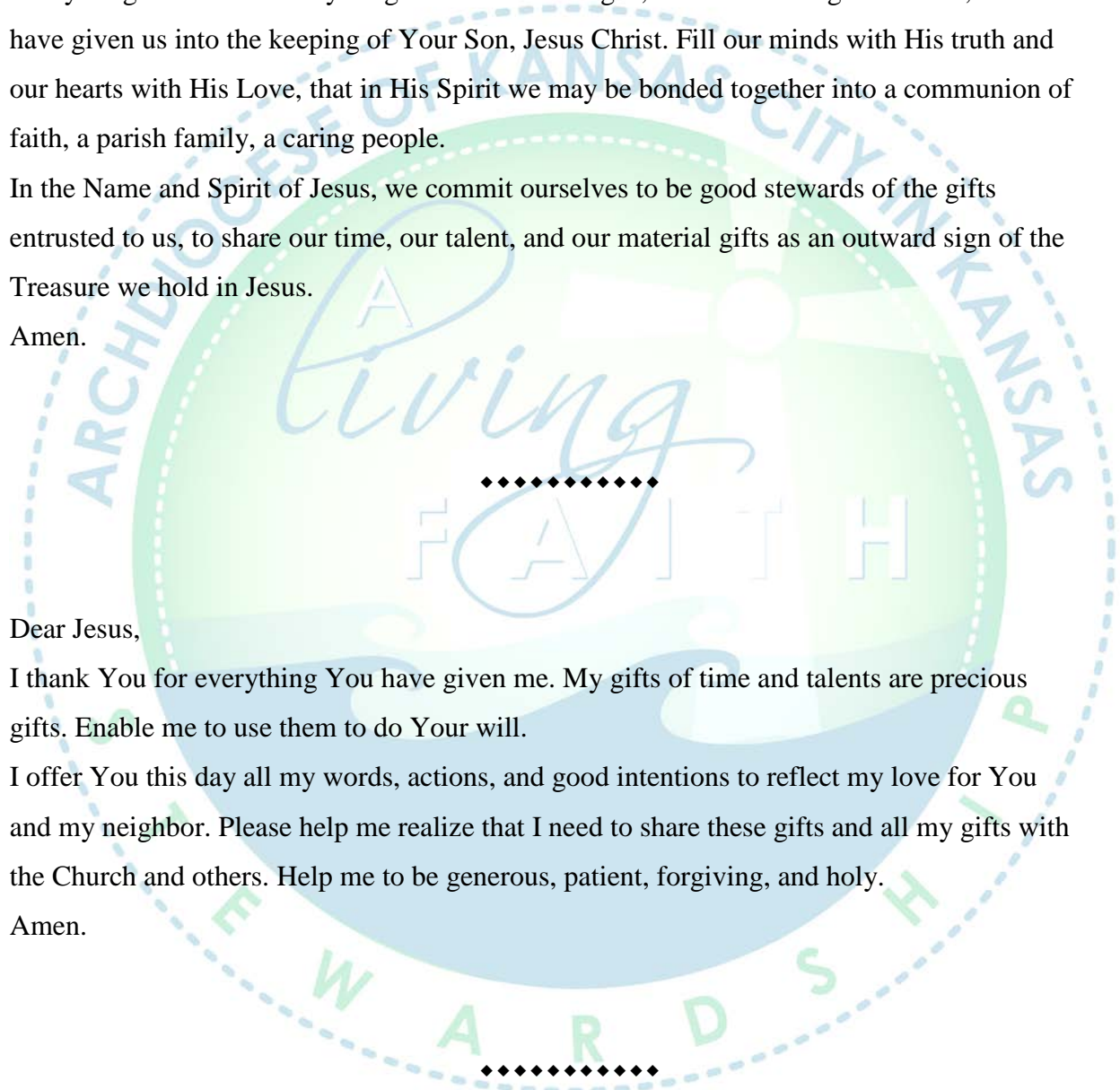
Amen.

Dear Jesus,

I thank You for everything You have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts. Enable me to use them to do Your will.

I offer You this day all my words, actions, and good intentions to reflect my love for You and my neighbor. Please help me realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others. Help me to be generous, patient, forgiving, and holy.

Amen.



Prayer for the Success of Meetings and Seminars

Divine Spirit, sent by the Father in the Name of Jesus, pour out Your graces on this gathering.

O Gentle Teacher and Consoler, enlighten our hearts. May this coming together produce abundant fruits; may the light and power of the Gospel be more widely diffused in human society and may new vigor be imparted to us. May we all acquire a more profound knowledge of the Church's doctrine and a wholesome increase of Christian stewardship in our daily lives.

O Gentle Guest of our souls, confirm our minds in Truth and dispose our hearts to find in us a generous consent and prompt obedience to the call of Christian stewardship. Grant that this Holy Church, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and under the leadership of Peter, may extend the Kingdom of the Divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth and justice, a Kingdom of love and peace.

Amen.

-Adapted from the National Catholic Stewardship Council 1998 Roman Seminar Prayer



Prayer for Committees

Dear God,

We, as Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards, recognize You as the origin of life, Giver of freedom, and Source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for You and for one another.

We look to the life and teaching of Your Son, Jesus, for guidance in living as Christian stewards. Please help us, as the Stewardship Committee, to provide leadership, education, and guidance to improve the understanding of stewardship in our parish.

Dear God, thank You for the support You provide and for Your continued blessing.

Amen.



O Lord,

It is right to give You thanks for this day. For it is from You that all good things come. It is from You that we receive so many abundant blessings.

We give You thanks for Your grace, for Your Love, and for Your care for us and our families.

We praise You for the gift of faith, of repentance, and of forgiveness.

We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

Thank You, Lord, for so many gifts You have given us, for so many favors You grant us, for so many wonders You have shown us. For so much, thank You, Lord. Always help our hearts be grateful and turned toward You.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Offering of the Day

Loving God,

I come to You in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from You. In faith and love, help me to do Your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak Your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear You clearly.

I offer You this day all the facets of my life—whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give me the wisdom and insight to understand Your Will for me and the fervor to carry out my good intentions.

I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to You as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for You and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as You, my God, have reached out to me.

Amen.



Stewardship Prayer on Thanksgiving

O Divine Gift-giver,

I stand beneath the endless waterfall of Your abundant gifts to me. I thank You especially for the blessing of life, the most precious of all Your gifts to me.

I thank You, ever-generous One, for clothing to wear, for food and drink to nourish my body, for all the talents and skills that You have bestowed upon me.

I thank You for the many joys of my life, for family and friends, for work that gives to me a sense of purpose and invests my life with meaning.

I thank You as well for the sufferings and trials of my life which are also gifts and which, together with my mistakes, are among my most important teachers.

Grant that I may never greet a new day without the awareness of some gift for which to give You thanks.

May constant thanksgiving be my song of perpetual praise to You.

Amen.



Prayer for Stewardship in Thanksgiving and Sharing

Loving and Generous God,

You are the Source of all that we are and all that we have, the Giver of life and abundant grace, and Father of every generation. We thank You and we praise You.

We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, Who brought us Your mercy and salvation through His Death and Resurrection.

We thank You, Lord, for sending us Your Spirit to complete the work of Jesus and bring us to the fullness of Your grace.

Open our hearts to the gift of Your grace. Make us faithful stewards, good receivers and

generous givers. Teach us that we serve You as we share the blessings we have received, building bridges of service to people of all ages, especially those in most need of kindness and comfort.

Be with us, Lord, as we witness to Your Good News in all that we do in our homes, parishes, and in the workplace. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all we encounter. Open to Your Love, may it always flow through our hearts.

This we pray through Your Son, our Lord Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



A Workplace Prayer

Lord Jesus,

As I enter this workplace, I bring Your presence with me, I speak Your peace, Your grace, and Your perfect order into this office. I acknowledge Your Lordship over all that will be spoken, thought, decided, and accomplished within these walls.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gifts You have given me. I do not take them lightly, but commit to using them responsibly and well. Give me a fresh supply of truth and beauty on which to draw as I do my job.

Anoint my creativity, my ideas, my energy so that even my smallest task may bring You honor. Lord, when I am confused, guide me; when I am weary, energize me. Lord, when I am burned out, infuse me with the Light of Your Holy Spirit.

May the work I do and the way I do it, bring hope, life, and courage to all I come in contact with today. And, O Lord, even in this day's most stressful moments, may I rest in You.

In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I pray.

Amen.



Prayer on Life's Vocation

God created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; if I am perplexed, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in joy, my joy may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain—He knows what He is about.

Amen.

-Bl. Cardinal John Henry Newman



Prayer of Pope John Paul II on Service

O Lord,

May my soul be flooded with Your light and know You more and more profoundly!

Lord, give me so much love, love forever, serene and generous, that I will be united with You always!

Lord, let me serve You and serve You well, on the pathways that You wish to open to my existence here below.

Amen.



Prayer for Stewardship of the Church

Gracious and Loving God,

We come to You in gratitude, nourished by grace, blessed by Your bountiful gifts.

We rejoice in the transformation of Your Son’s Suffering and Death into the victory of new Life and Resurrection.

Help us be transformed as well so that we may have the power to change, to renew our Church, and to bring about greater justice and peace in our homes and in our world.

Strengthen our commitment to be faithful stewards and more generous in our response to Your Church’s needs.

Show us the power of Your Love so that we may be joyful, comforted by hope, and drawn ever closer toward the vision of Your glory.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Stewardship of the Church

Lord God,

You are the Source of all we have and we thank You for Your abundant gifts, especially the gift of Your Church and its living story of faith: a story of peace and joy, pain and suffering, truth and grace.

Send down Your Spirit, Lord, to open our hearts to the call of Jesus, our Teacher, Who invites us to live as disciples, serve as good stewards, and respond with generosity to the needs of Your people.

Through the work of Your Church, may we also be renewed and strengthened, in order to live our story faithfully, in hope and love.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



Prayer for Stewardship of the Church

We come to You, Father,

Blessed by Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who died for us and is our Risen Lord; nurtured by the Holy Spirit, Who has bestowed upon each of us an abundance of spiritual gifts.

Open our hearts so that we may become ever more faithful in celebrating the Sacraments, proclaiming Your Word, and affirming the gifts of the Spirit.

Give us the wisdom and courage to be good stewards of our life of faith, our Church, and all those in need of Your loving care. Guide us on our pilgrim way, so that we too may share in the victory of Christ and the bounty of Eternal Life.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for a Stewardship Parish

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish 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 parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.



Stewardship Prayer for Generosity

Dear Lord,

Teach me to be generous as You have been generous with me. Teach me that all I am and have are gifts from You, and gifts, 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 and my parish need Good Samaritans to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in Your Name.

Amen.

Stewardship Prayer for Generosity

Lord Jesus,

You came to show us that the meaning of life consists in giving.

You told us that those who cling too tightly to what they have—without thought of You or others—risk losing everything.

You offered 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 service help build the Kingdom of God,

and may our obedience bring true freedom,

our generosity increase love,

our sacrifices bear much fruit,
and our death lead to Eternal Life.
Amen.



Stewardship Prayer for the Gift of the Eucharist

Gracious and loving God,
The Eucharist leads us into a deeper encounter with Your Son, Jesus Christ;
Who through the Mystery of His Body and Blood reveals Your active presence
in each moment of our lives.
May the gift of the Eucharist transform us, and give us new meaning. May it make us
good stewards of Your abundant blessings and open our hearts to the needs of our Church
and to the hunger in the world.
Nourish our family of faith; give us wisdom and compassion; and by the power of Your
Spirit, show us how to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we journey together to the peace and
joy of Your Divine Love.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Stewardship Prayer in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Gracious and loving God,
We praise You for the gift of Your Love made manifest in Your Son, and for the gift of
Your Holy Spirit, Who binds us in unity through the richness of our diversity.
We praise You for the gift of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, whom we honor
as Patroness of the Americas.
Give us the wisdom to follow her example; to be good stewards of our faith, our Church,

and of all those in need of Your loving care.

Teach us how to respond generously, with courage, prudence, and hope,

And guide us on our pilgrim journey with Our Lady, who shows us the way to Your Son
in justice and peace.

We pray this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas on Stewardship of Creation

Loving God, Who sees in us nothing that You have not given Yourself,
make my body healthy and agile, my mind sharp and clear,
my heart joyful and contented, my soul faithful and loving,
and surround me with the company of people and angels who share my devotion to You.
Above all, let me live in Your presence, for with You all fear is banished, and there is
only harmony and peace.

Let every day combine the beauty of spring, the brightness of summer, the abundance of
autumn, and the repose of winter; and at the end of my life on earth, grant that I may come to
see and to know You with the fullness of Your glory.

Amen.