

STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS

Discipleship

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples.
Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation here at home and to all nationals and peoples. Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others, and inspire us always to follow your example of generous self-giving.

Gracious Lord, teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honour to your holy name. AMEN

Good Stewards

Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible.

You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost. Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples.

We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase. Help us to make stewardship a way of life.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN

Gratitude

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 to set us over all 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 to us, the People of God. AMEN

Courage and Strength

God of love and mercy, you call us to be faithful disciples of your son, Jesus Christ, and good stewards of all creation.

Grant us the grace to understand, and the courage to accept the challenges and opportunities we have been given to advance the mission of your Church.

We believe that you have given us everything we need to carry out your will. Help us be steadfast in faith, confident in hope and generous in charity. That in all things you may be glorified.
AMEN

Faith and Hope

Lord Jesus Christ, before you ascended into heaven you gave us the great commission to “Go out into the whole world and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit”.

Help us be faithful stewards of this mission. We believe that you have given us everything we need to proclaim the coming Kingdom of God and to be the seeds and beginning of that Kingdom here and now.

May the Holy Spirit sustain us in this great work. And may we look forward in hope to the day when God’s reign is established once and for all throughout all creation. AMEN

Seeking the Kingdom

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the meaning of the world and of human life. You are the goal of all our desires, the satisfaction of all our longings, and the end of all our work.

Help us seek and find you in all that we do. May we be faithful disciples and responsible stewards of all your gifts for the good of the whole Church.

Lord, by the power of your grace, fill our hearts with lasting joy and make us one with you now and in the world to come. AMEN

Service

Lord Jesus, we believe that you have called us to follow you with our whole hearts in all our words and actions.

Send us your Spirit to give us the power to serve you faithfully.

Lord Jesus, we believe that your disciples are called to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. Send us your Spirit to open our minds and hearts to the liberating power of your word.

Lord Jesus, we believe that stewardship is a way of life. Send us your Spirit to help us serve with grateful, generous and responsible hearts. AMEN

St. Francis of Assisi on Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN

St. Ignatius of Loyola on Stewardship

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding, and my entire will.
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me. AMEN

For Those Who Serve

Jesus, our saviour and brother,
You teach us that to serve others
Is to act in your name.
Send your Spirit to guide us;
Give us your wisdom and strength
As we reach out to those who need your care.
Fill us with compassion, and give us your peace
So that we may be faithful witnesses of your love. AMEN

Sending Forth

Lord God, You alone created this world and all that is good in it.

You allowed us our freedom, and entrusted us with great responsibility.

All of what we are, all of our concerns, and the unique ability we each have to help those around us come from You. We ask that You bless us as we strive to transform the earth through love, word, and deed.

Send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and lives, guide our service, and grant us a spirit of purpose and joy.

We pray for grateful hearts in Jesus' name. AMEN