

# STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS FOR THE YEAR

*Provide prayers for the ministries and organizations of your parish  
to begin each meeting!*

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

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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.  
After having created us,  
You have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Heavenly Father, eternally kind and gracious,  
we thank you for all we are and all we possess.  
This is all fruit of your unlimited generosity and benevolence.  
We thank you because we do not possess anything,  
not even our lives, that has not been a gift from you.  
Enlighten our minds so that we can use wisely  
all the gifts that we receive from you daily.  
Help us to understand that it is better to give than to receive,  
because giving helps our soul give up the material and temporal  
in order to ally it with a spirit of altruism and charity.  
Help us comprehend more each day that by means of giving,  
we can adjust the inequalities of the human race.  
This is the only way the strong and powerful can help the weak,  
so that social peace can reign among us.  
We place this in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus,  
who lives and reigns in unity with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen

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Teach us, O Lord, to understand that generosity is shown  
Not only by sharing with others from what you have given to us,  
But also by every act of helpfulness toward those who are in need,  
And that every human being stands in need of friendship and kindness, understanding and  
encouragement.

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The time is now and I am here.  
My God, in ages past you called forth  
people to do Your will as needs arose.

What am I to do?  
I want to serve to the best of my ability.  
Help me be a worthy steward of the gifts  
and talents you have given me.

Show me how to help your people who cry  
for peace, justice, and life's necessities.

What are you calling me to do now and  
here?  
I am listening, my God.

(Sr. Jeanne Voges, OSB)

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### *Here I am, Lord*

You say to Him, "My life's too busy,  
I've no time for You, don't You see?"  
When you ought to be saying instead,  
"**Here I am, Lord**, please send me!"

What if He told you the same and  
when you needed, He couldn't be found;  
how do you think you'd handle that,  
if you called, and He wasn't around?

Or if He told you, "Do it yourself,  
I've much better things to do!"?  
Wouldn't it hurt that He didn't have time  
to handle life's crises for you?

Don't wait to be asked to act for Him,  
let the Spirit lead you along;  
be prepared to give of yourself,  
and you never will go wrong.

He's always there to help us through,  
He's only a quick prayer away;  
and if you'll ask Him to use you,  
you might just brighten someone's day!

So when the Lord God has a need to fill,  
and He has somewhere for you to be,  
when He asks, "Whom shall I send?"  
answer, "**Here I am, Lord**, send me!"

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Lord, God,  
You are the source of all creation.  
You are the source of all goodness.  
You are the source of love.  
You are the source of all good gifts.  
You are the source of the gift of life itself.  
Lord of Life,  
We thank you for the gift of life.  
We thank you for all our blessings and talents.  
We thank you for all good gifts.

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**G**enerous God,

I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me – my life, my family, my friends – 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 throughout North Georgia.

Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a disciple. Help me live out “The Disciple’s Response: Called to Share.”

I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life. Amen!

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Almighty Father, we thank you for all the gifts you have given to 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 us 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.

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.

Amen.

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**We Thank you, O God,  
Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
That we are your servants.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to  
Help us remember your message of new life.**

**Teach us to do good;  
To be rich in good works;  
To be generous; and ready  
To share with others.**

**Help us to serve others  
As we continue  
The work of Christ  
In North Georgia.**

**Grant that in this way  
We will please you and  
Come into our heavenly home.**

**We ask this in union  
With the Blessed Virgin Mary  
And all the angels and saints.**

**Amen.**

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## A Litany of Generosity

*Dear Lord,*

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

We pray:

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

**Leader:** ...so we may fully appreciate all your many gifts to us.

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

**Leader:** ...so we may give without counting the cost.

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

**Leader:** ...so we may share without expecting something in return.

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

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

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

**Leader:** ...so we may share all that you have given us.

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

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

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

**Leader:** ...so we may recognize the many blessings of each new day.

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

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

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

**Leader:** ...so we may ever thank You and serve You.

**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

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Lord, Our God, the morning sky announces a new day. All around us, creation is beginning its song of praise. We join now in our hearts with all people and all creation as we lift up our generous hearts to you, Our God.

Leader: To acknowledge You as the Giver of all good gifts.

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

Leader: To share whatever gift it is that You have given to us.

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

Leader: To share without expecting something in return.

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

Leader: To be gracious and cheerful in our giving.

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

Leader: To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day.

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

Leader: To know the freedom that comes with true generosity.

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

Leader: To accept our talents, whether many or few, and use them in service of the Kingdom.

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

Leader: To fall more deeply in love with You, the God of all generosity, so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked of us.

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



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Eternal Word,  
Only Begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.  
Teach me to serve You  
As You deserve.  
To give without counting the cost,  
To fight heedless of wounds,  
To labor without seeking rest,  
To sacrifice myself without thoughts of any reward  
Save the knowledge  
That I have done Your will. Amen.

- *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

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**St. Matthew Church, in Tyrone, hands out the following on a prayer card and it is recited at each Mass throughout the year:**

**Prayer for the Church**

Almighty God,  
My parish family 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 family of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit,  
if I – who make it what it is – am filled with these same qualities.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things  
that I want my parish family to be.  
Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might  
Build the Church through Jesus Christ,  
Our Lord, Amen.

I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good therefore that I can do  
Or any kindness that I can show to any human being  
Let me do it now.  
Let me not defer or neglect it,  
For I shall not pass this way again.

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