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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

March 2017 thru June 2017

March 5, 2017

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

March 12, 2017

That we may give glory to Jesus with our time in prayer, our talent in parish ministry and our treasure supporting our parish mission.

March 19, 2017

That we may joyfully use the gifts God has given us to help spread the message of the Risen Christ to all those who need to know our Savior's love and grace.

March 26, 2017

That we may have the zeal, dedication and love of the first Christians who shared generously and worked diligently to spread the Gospel message.

April 2, 2017

That we may live a life of gratitude, recognizing that God is providing all that we need.

April 9, 2017

That we learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

April 16, 2017

That we put God first in everything and not let earthly possessions become gods to us.

April 23, 2017

That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included and not excluded.

April 30, 2017

That we take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.

May 7, 2017

That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

May 14, 2017

That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their skills.

May 21, 2017

That we recognize that things don't always go the way we plan and God has a better plan in store for us.

May 28, 2017

That we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.

June 4, 2017

That through gratitude and generosity, we learn to open our hearts more and let the Holy Spirit give us guidance!

June 11, 2017

That we give our love unconditionally, especially to those who are closest to us.

June 18, 2017

That we answer God's call to build his kingdom on earth and help each other get to Heaven!

June 25, 2017

That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances.

ORACIONES DE LOS FIELES

Marzo 2017 - Junio 2017

5 de marzo de 2017

Que podamos aprender la diferencia entre lo que queremos y lo que necesitamos, confiando en que Dios nos proveerá todo lo que necesitamos.

12 de marzo de 2017

Que podamos dar gloria a Jesús con nuestro tiempo en oración, nuestro talento en ministerio parroquial y nuestro tesoro apoyando nuestra misión parroquial.

19 de marzo de 2017

Que podamos usar con gozo los dones que Dios nos ha dado para ayudar a difundir el mensaje de Cristo Resucitado a todos aquellos que necesitan conocer el amor y la gracia de nuestro Salvador.

26 de marzo de 2017

Que tengamos el celo, la dedicación y el amor de los primeros cristianos que compartieron generosamente y trabajaron diligentemente para difundir el mensaje del Evangelio.

2 de abril de 2017

Para que podamos vivir una vida de gratitud, reconociendo que Dios provee todo lo que necesitamos.

9 de abril de 2017

Para que aprendamos a poner las necesidades de los demás antes que las nuestras y ayudar a nuestro prójimo a "llevar su cruz".

16 de abril de 2017

Para que pongamos a Dios primero en todo y no dejemos que las posesiones terrenales se conviertan en dioses para nosotros.

23 de abril de 2017

Para que ayudemos a nuestra parroquia a crear un ambiente acogedor donde la gente se sienta incluída y no excluída.

30 de abril de 2017

Para que tomemos tiempo en silencio, todos los días, para preguntar a Dios qué es lo que Él quiere que hagamos.

7 de mayo de 2017

Para que mientras luchamos por vivir una vida llena de fe, reconozcamos que no estamos solos. Jesús está allí para ayudar a aliviar la carga.

14 de mayo de 2017

Para que animemos a aquellos que están luchando para encontrar el rumbo en su vida y les ayudemos a discernir cómo podrían usar sus habilidades.

21 de mayo de 2017

Para que reconozcamos que las cosas no siempre son como lo planeamos y que Dios tiene un mejor plan para nosotros.

28 de mayo de 2017

Para que aprendamos a orar no sólo en los malos momentos, sino también en los buenos. Oremos por familiares, amigos y aquellos que pueden ser que no nos traten bien.

4 de junio de 2017

Para que a través de la gratitud y generosidad, aprendamos a abrir más nuestros corazones y para que dejemos que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe.

<u>11 de junio de 2017</u>

Para que demos nuestro amor incondicionalmente, especialmente a aquellos que están más cerca nuestro.

18 de junio de 2017

Para que respondamos al llamado de Dios para construir su reino en la tierra y ayudarnos unos a otros a llegar al cielo.

25 de junio de 2017

Para que tengamos la fuerza y el valor para ser testigos alegres de nuestra fe Católica en todo momento.

These prayers can be used for parish meetings or other occasions when a prayer is needed.

Daily Stewardship Reflections

Lord, what do You want me to do with all the gifts you have given me – including my time, my talents and my material things?

Lord, how would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church?

Lord, how would you like me to be more generous with all the gifts You have given me?

Lord, what do You want me to do with all the gifts You have given me?

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

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is 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 to 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.

A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it." - Genesis 2:15

<u>All:</u> Lord, help me to do all that you ask, in the way that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

"For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them..." - Romans 12:4-6

<u>All:</u> Lord, help me to do all that you ask, in the way that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

"This is what the Lord then said to Moses: 'Tell the Israelites to take up a collection for me. From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give to me.'" - Exodus 25:1-2

<u>All:</u> Lord, help me to do all that you ask, in the way that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." - Luke 12:48

<u>All:</u> Lord, help me to do all that you ask, in the way that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

"Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Luke 6:38

<u>All:</u> Lord, help me to do all that you ask, in the way that you ask, for as long as you ask, simply because you have asked it of me.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

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

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 in 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

A STEWARDSHIP OPENING PRAYER

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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.

Lord, God, we thank you for the abundance of time, talent, and treasure you have bestowed on the people of God of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

We ask you to help us "Be Responsible Stewards of Your Gifts to Us."

We ask you to bless us with the courage, generosity, and selflessness to help us multiply these gifts among us for the glory of your name.

Let us be not afraid, let us not bury our gifts.

Let us recognize and name these gifts in ourselves and in one another.

Lord Jesus, you have challenged us with your holy words in Sacred Scripture:

- That the one who "seeks to save his life will lose it;"
- That the one who "loses his life for your sake will save it for all eternity;"
- That the "greatest among us is the one who serves the rest;"
- That it is "harder for a rich man to enter heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle;"
- That our "true treasure is in heaven."

Lord, give us the strength and the faith to respond to your challenging words.

Lord, you have given us also generous promises:

- That you treasure greatly the sacrificial spirit of the widow's mite;
- That you will reward with hundredfold harvest those who sow in the rich soil of faith;
- That you will not be outdone in generosity;
- That you will not give us burdens that we cannot bear.

We thank you, above all, for the joy-filled gift of faith and the inspirational witness of generous saints of ages past.

We ask Lord for your blessing upon our Holy Father, Archbishop Naumann, Archbishop Emeritus Keleher, all diocesan leaders, pastors, parish priests and parish leaders.

Bless our time together this day.

This we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen