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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

May 2016 thru September 2016

May 1, 2016

That the next time worry, anxiety or fear enters our life, our first thought is to thank God for all He has given us.

May 8, 2016

That we may trust God to provide us with all that we need and enough to share.

May 15, 2016

That the Holy Spirit will put the right words in our mouth when called upon to defend our faith.

May 22, 2016

That we may allow the Holy Spirit to guide our daily actions and thoughts.

May 29, 2016

That the abundant baskets of leftover loaves and fishes may remind us that God can work wondrous deeds when we are willing to share even our smallest gifts.

June 5, 2016

That we answer the call to think of our ourselves less and show more compassion for others.

June 12, 2016

That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

June 19, 2016

That we may learn to deny our own wants a little more so that we can more fully follow Our Lord's example of giving and service to others.

June 26, 2016

That we build God's Church to glorify His name and not look for prestige and honor for ourselves.

July 3, 2016

That we ask God how we should use our talents and then have the courage to do so.

July 10, 2016

That we may strive to be more like the Good Samaritan, helping those in need, without expecting anything in return.

July 17, 2016

That we look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us.

July 24, 2016

That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

July 31, 2016

That we may remember that the many possessions we strive to acquire are worthless in the eyes of the Lord.

August 7, 2016

That we may invest more time and talent in building up a treasure in heaven.

August 14, 2016

That we have the courage to step out of our comfort zone and stand up for life, marriage and religious liberty.

August 21, 2016

That through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God's eternal banquet.

August 28, 2016

That through our generous giving, we can help those in need share in the gifts that God has bestowed on us.

September 4, 2016

That we may come to realize everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts.

September 11, 2016

That we may understand we have a responsibility to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout our world.

September 18, 2016

That we recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously share our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world.

September 25, 2016

That our eyes may be open to the needs around us and our hands and hearts may be open to sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us.

ORACIONES DE LOS FIELES

Mayo 2016 - Septiembre 2016

1 de mayo de 2016

Que la próxima vez que sintamos que la preocupación, la ansiedad o el miedo entran en nuestras vidas, nuestro primer pensamiento sea darle gracias a Dios por todo lo que nos ha concedido.

8 de mayo de 2016

Que confiemos que Dios nos proveerá de todo lo que necesitemos y nos dará suficiente para compartir.

15 de mayo de 2016

Que el Espíritu Santo ponga en nuestra boca las palabras correctas cuando seamos llamados a defender nuestra fe.

22 de mayo de 2016

Que permitamos que el Espíritu Santo guie diariamente nuestras acciones y pensamientos.

29 de mayo de 2016

Que la abundancia de los peces y los panes que quedaron en los cestos nos recuerde que Dios puede hacer maravillas cuando estamos dispuestos a compartir incluso nuestros más pequeños dones.

5 de junio de 2016

Que respondamos a la llamada de Dios de pensar menos en nosotros mismos y mostrar más compasión por los demás.

12 de junio de 2016

Que nos sea más fácil servir que ser servidos, dar que recibir, contribuir que consumir.

19 de junio de 2016

Que podamos aprender a negarnos un poco más nuestros deseos para que podamos seguir más completamente el ejemplo de nuestro Señor de entrega y servicio a los demás.

26 de junio de 2016

Que construyamos la Iglesia de Dios para glorificar Su nombre y no para buscar prestigio y honor para nosotros mismos.

3 de julio de 2016

Que le pidamos a Dios cómo debemos utilizar nuestros talentos y luego tener el valor de hacerlo.

10 de julio de 2016

Para que nos esforcemos por ser más como el buen samaritano, ayudando a los necesitados, sin esperar nada a cambio.

17 de julio de 2016

Para que busquemos oportunidades para compartir nuestra fe con aquellos más cercanos a nosotros.

24 de julio de 2016

Para que podamos aprender a ver la diferencia entre las cosas simples que necesitamos y las muchas cosas que queremos.

31 de julio de 2016

Para que podamos recordar que todos los bienes que nos esforzamos para adquirir no tienen ningún valor a los ojos del Señor.

7 de agosto de 2016

Para que podamos invertir más tiempo y talento en la construcción de un tesoro en el cielo.

14 de agosto de 2016

Para que tengamos el coraje de salir de nuestra zona de confort y luchar por la vida, el matrimonio y la libertad religiosa.

21 de agosto de 2016

Para que a través de nuestro servicio, podamos edificar el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra y ganarnos un lugar en el banquete eterno de Dios.

28 de agosto de 2016

Para que a través de nuestra generosa donación, podamos ayudar a aquellos que lo necesitan y a compartir los dones que Dios nos ha concedido.

4 de septiembre de 2016

Que podamos darnos cuenta de que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios y estamos llamados a compartir generosamente estos dones.

11 de septiembre de 2016

Para que entendamos que tenemos la responsabilidad de trabajar por el reino de Dios y difundir el amor de Dios a través de nuestro mundo.

18 de septiembre de 2016

Para que reconozcamos que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, incluyendo nuestro dinero, y para que generosamente compartamos nuestra riqueza para apoyar la misión de nuestra Iglesia, a nivel local y en todo el mundo.

25 de septiembre de 2016

Para que nuestros ojos puedan estar abiertos a las necesidades a nuestro alrededor y nuestras manos y corazones pueden estar abiertos a compartir nuestros dones para hacer de este mundo un mejor lugar para todos.

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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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 evening.

This we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen