

*Spanish translation is available after the English version.*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**September 2016 through December 2016**

**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.

**October 2, 2016**

That our actions and words reflect our love for God every day.

**October 9, 2016**

That we regularly take time to thank God for all the blessings He bestows on us.

**October 16, 2016**

That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.

**October 23, 2016**

That we may kneel before God every day, humbly recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking God to guide us in the ways we use and share His many gifts.

**October 30, 2016**

That we may joyfully share the abundant gifts God has given to us.

**November 6, 2016**

That just as God shows mercy on us, we show mercy with each other.

**November 13, 2016**

That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.

**November 20, 2016**

That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

**November 27, 2016**

That we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

**December 4, 2016**

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

**December 11, 2016**

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

**December 18, 2016**

That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.

**December 25, 2016**

That we may continue our Christmas giving every day of the year – giving generously out of love and gratitude for the gift of Jesus.

## ORACIONES DE LOS FIELES

Septiembre 2016 - Diciembre 2016

### 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.

### 2 de octubre de 2016

Para que nuestras acciones y palabras reflejen todos los días nuestro amor a Dios.

### 9 de octubre de 2016

Para que tomemos tiempo para agradecer a Dios por todas las bendiciones que nos concede en forma habitual.

### 16 de octubre de 2016

Para que seamos persistentes en nuestra corresponsabilidad, aún cuando no sea conveniente o cómodo.

#### **23 de octubre de 2016**

Para que nos arrodillemos ante Dios todos los días, reconociendo con humildad que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo y que pidamos a Dios que nos guíe en la forma en que usamos y compartimos todos sus dones.

#### **30 de octubre de 2016**

Para que podamos compartir con alegría los abundantes dones que Dios nos ha dado.

#### **6 de noviembre de 2016**

Para que así como Dios tiene misericordia de nosotros, mostremos también misericordia entre nosotros.

#### **13 de noviembre de 2016**

Para que la alegría y la paz que tenemos en nuestras vidas anime a otros a crecer en su fe.

#### **20 de noviembre de 2016**

Para que podamos servir a Jesús, nuestro Rey, con amor y gratitud, ofreciendo generosamente nuestros dones para ayudar a edificar el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra.

#### **27 de noviembre de 2016**

Para que no demos por sentado cada día y que podamos ver los pequeños milagros que ocurren en nuestras vidas todos los días.

#### **4 de diciembre de 2016**

Para que nos demos cuenta de que lo que hacemos con los dones que Dios nos ha dado es el regalo que le devolvemos a Dios.

#### **11 de diciembre de 2016**

Para que ganemos paciencia con la oración diaria y nos alineemos con Dios y el plan que tiene para nosotros.

**18 de diciembre de 2016**

Para que podamos poner nuestra confianza en Dios y convertirnos en un modelo de discipulado como lo fue José.

**25 de diciembre de 2016**

Para que podamos continuar ofreciendo nuestra Navidad todos los días del año, dando generosamente por amor y gratitud por los dones de Jesús.

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

**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