

Stewardship Prayer

*Almighty God, we thank You for all
the gifts you have given to us:*

our lives;

our loves 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, that giving of self is a
most important part of following*

*Him. May the offering of our time,
talents and treasure be made in
the same spirit of love that*

Jesus taught us by

His life and death for us.

Amen.



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Stewardship: A Grateful Response to Our Loving God



The life of a Christian steward
Models the life of Jesus.

It is challenging and even difficult
in many respects, yet intense joy
comes to those who take the risk to
live as Christian stewards.

Central to our human and Christian
vocations, is that we be good
stewards
of the gifts we possess. God gives us
this divine-human workshop,
this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows the way.

Stewardship is part of that journey.

*From:
Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

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“A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.”

“Each member of the Church shares in responsibility for its mission; each is called to practice Stewardship of the church. Christians are also called to look outward and to place themselves at the service of the entire human community, especially those who are most in need.”

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Stewards of Creation

We are called to be good stewards of God’s creation by caring and cultivating the world through:



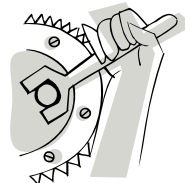
— Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;

— Protection and preservation of the environment, or stewardship of ecological concern;



— Respect for human life...doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish;

— Development of this world through work such as physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and science.



Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us as His disciples, not as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each of



us —clergy, religious, lay person; married, single, adult, child—has a personal vocation. We each have a unique role in carrying out God’s plan.

Jesus calls us to be stewards of our personal vocation, which we receive from God.



Stewards of the Church

We are called to be stewards of the Church— collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church’s essential mission. This mission— proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying —is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

As good stewards of the Church, we each have a role in carrying out its mission...

—parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;

—parishioners, who share their God-given gifts and talents to make their parish true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;

—all Catholics, who give generous support of time, money, prayers, and service according to their means—to their parish, Catholic agency, diocesan programs, and the universal Church.



Taken from: *To be a Christian Steward*
A Summary of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter
on Stewardship