

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Oh Lord, giver of life
and source of our freedom,
we are reminded by the Psalmist
that Yours is

“the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.”
We know that it is from Your hand
that we have received all we have
and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God,
we understand that
You call us to be the stewards
of Your abundance,
the caretakers of all
You have entrusted to us.
Help us always to use Your gifts wisely
and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship
bear witness to
the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts,
in Jesus’ name.

AMEN



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Our Way of Life

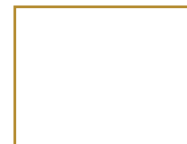
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How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? ~ Psalm 116:12

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Let's begin by stating what Stewardship is not. Stewardship is not all about money. It is not a fundraising program. It is not about building a new parish hall. It is not a new fad or environmental word.

Stewardship is a way of life. The decision to share our time, talent and treasure with our communion of faith is an important aspect of being a Christian steward. Christian stewardship is the grateful response we make to God's generosity.

According to the Bishops' Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, a Christian Steward is one who:

Receives God's gifts gratefully

✠ GRATITUDE

Cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner

✠ RESPONSIBILITY

Shares them in justice and love with others

✠ GENEROSITY

Returns them with increase to the Lord

✠ RETURNS WITH INCREASE

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

The first quality of a Christian steward is being grateful. All that we have, and all that we are able to do, are gifts from God. Living a life as a Christian steward involves a deliberate decision to thank God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of our time, talent and treasure.

Each Catholic household in the diocese is asked to prayerfully plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of their lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure a part of their budget. Please prayerfully consider your parish gift, and return your parish stewardship commitment card to the parish.



TIME

God gives each of us 24 hours in a day. It is essential to balance those hours to spend time with our Lord in prayer, with our families, and at our work. We need to ask ourselves: Do we spend meaningful time in prayer each day? Do we spend quality time with our families? Do we spend an efficient amount of time at work? Do we spend an appropriate amount of those 24 hours offering our time to our parish, our diocese and our community for the good of others?



TALENT

God has entrusted each of us with unique skills and talents. We must take time to recognize those gifts and discern how we can offer them to our parish, diocese and community to carry out the mission of the Catholic Church in Utah.



TREASURE

All gifts are from God, including money and our material possessions. We have a responsibility to share our gifts with our family and with others in need. As Christian stewards, we are called to return in thanksgiving a proportionate gift which reflects the many blessings we have received.