

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,
And 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



STEWARDSHIP
OUR WAY OF LIFE

PARISH
STEWARDSHIP

*Catholic Diocese of
Salt Lake City*

“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 about money. It is not a fund-raising 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

Share them in justice and love with other.

Generosity

Returns them with increase to the Lord.

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TIME AND TALENT

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 and talent.

Each year, Catholic households in the diocese are asked to prayerfully plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of their lifestyle. Please prayerfully consider your parish gift and later record it on a parish commitment card to be collected on Thanksgiving Sunday.

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 benefit 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.