

Prayer for Stewardship

Good morning. As we consider our call to be stewards of God's gifts, let us take a moment to reflect and pray in light of God's word.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us begin our prayer with the sign of our faith: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord and Creator of all that is, our human hearts never cease to wonder at the marvels You have made. Fill our hearts with the courage of Your Spirit, that we might embrace our call to look after all that You have entrusted to our care. We make this prayer to You through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis

(Genesis 1: 28-31)

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. God said, "See I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE:

R. How majestic is Your name throughout the earth!

O Lord, our Sovereign,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth! **R.**

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and stars that You have established;
What are human beings that You are mindful of them,
Mortals that You care for them? **R.**

Yet You have made them a little lower than the angels,
And crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under their feet, **R.**

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes along the paths of the seas. **R.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth! **R.**
(Ps. 8: 1, 3-9)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The response to our intentions is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the Church. That all who share a common baptism might embrace more fully their call stewardship of the believing community's needs. We pray...

Let us pray for the world. That the Spirit of God might awaken in all peoples the courage to defend what is beautiful, good and true in all that they do. We pray...

Let us pray for an end to all war, violence and greed that has rendered creation unfit for human sustenance. We pray...

Let us pray for those who suffer due to a lack of stewardship in our communities. That God might awaken in us the fortitude to protect and care for those who cannot do so for themselves. We pray...

Let us pray for our board family. That God might bless our stewardship initiatives with fruits that lead students, staff, families and neighbours to more joyfully follow Christ and His Gospel. We pray...

For our additional intentions.... We pray...

Let us gather the intentions, spoken and remaining in our hearts, uniting them with the prayer of Jesus on our behalf, using the words he gave us: ***Our Father...***

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the wondrous gift of ourselves, our neighbours, world and universe. Help us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us. May our efforts to preserve life and beauty in all its dimensions lead us to a deeper love for Christ, so that we one day might come to share in the endless joy of Your Kingdom, where You reign for ever and ever. We make this prayer to You through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.