

A STEWARDSHIP LITANY

PRESIDER: Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Because of our faith in You, O Lord...

All: ... we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives...

All: ... by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us, Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek...

All: and that You, alone, can provide.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts...

All: ...by sharing them for Your purposes.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us make Your priorities ...

All: ...our priorities.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ...

All: ...to put our faith into action.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing.

(pause)

PRESIDER: As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us...

All: ... Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us plan ...

All: ... how to "give back" the talents with which we have been blessed.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us plan...

All: how to share our treasure to do Your work.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Our planning and sharing...

All: ...demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has in our lives.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us plan...

All: ... to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Help us, Lord...

All: ... return a portion of all You have given us.

(pause)

PRESIDER: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love..

All: ... and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

(pause)

PRESIDER: We offer not only the "first fruits" of our financial resources...

All: ... but a generous portion of our time and talents as well.

(pause)

PRESIDER: Giving proportionately means it is equal for all of us

ALL: ...according to what You have given us. You ask the same of each of us.

(pause)

PRESIDER: As we give proportionately...

ALL: ... help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.

(pause)

PRESIDER: ...As good Christian Stewards,

ALL: ...we pray we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart.

ALL: AMEN

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.

(pause)

"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

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(pause)

"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

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(pause)

"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

(pause)

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

(pause)

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ALL: AMEN

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