

STEWARDSHIP PRAYERS OF THE MONTH



For parishes and
Small Church Communities



January

Epiphany of the Lord

The Visit of the

Wise Men

✠ Generous God,

I give thanks to you for the gifts you have given me: my life, my family, my friends - time, talents, and material possessions.

All that I have comes from you.

Help me to remember this and rejoice in your goodness.

Walk with me, my God.

Help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and throughout our Diocese of Saskatoon.

✠ Renew in me your Spirit.

Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be your disciple.

Help me hear the call to "Come, Follow Me."

I give glory to you, my God, as I make stewardship a way of life.
Amen.

February

*Jesus is Presented
in the Temple*

*"For my eyes have
seen your salvation"*

Luke 2:30



Lord, we thank You for bringing us together in Your name. We have come to speak and to listen, to pray and to share, that we may better understand what it means to be Your disciples, to be the stewards of Your many gifts. We believe that You are present among us as You promised, Lord; and so with confidence, we bring our prayers before you:

- ✠ That like the good steward in the Gospel, we may be ready when the Master comes, we pray to the Lord. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ That we may know and do what You ask of us, and so be found trustworthy, we pray to the Lord. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For our parish, that we will be a beacon of Your love in this community. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For all the people of our parish, that our work may touch them and help them to live out more fully Your call to discipleship. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For our pastor and leaders of our parish, that they will have the strength and wisdom to shepherd Your people. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For all those who work at our parish, that we may work effectively in concert with them. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For all those who serve on councils, commissions, and committees in our parish, that working together with them we may faithfully bring your message to all in our parish and community. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ For all those who are touched by the ministry that our efforts support, that they will recognize you, Lord, as the ultimate source of that help. **R Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ✠ "That the Holy Spirit, whose gracious action guides us to Jesus Christ and to the Church, will enlighten us all and help us to renew our commitment as the Lord's disciples and as stewards of his bountiful gifts," we pray to the Lord. . . **R Lord, hear our prayer.**



God of mercy,
You have given us this special
time to reflect on our lives,
believe in the Good News
and draw closer to You.

May this season of Lent
help us use this time
to fast and pray, be more
generous and show others
how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this
season as a new opportunity to
renew our lives and gain a
deeper appreciation of Your
active presence in us and our
community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your
face in others, especially the
poor and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit,
enkindle in us the fire of Your
love so that we may be better
stewards of Your redeeming
work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus,
Your Son.

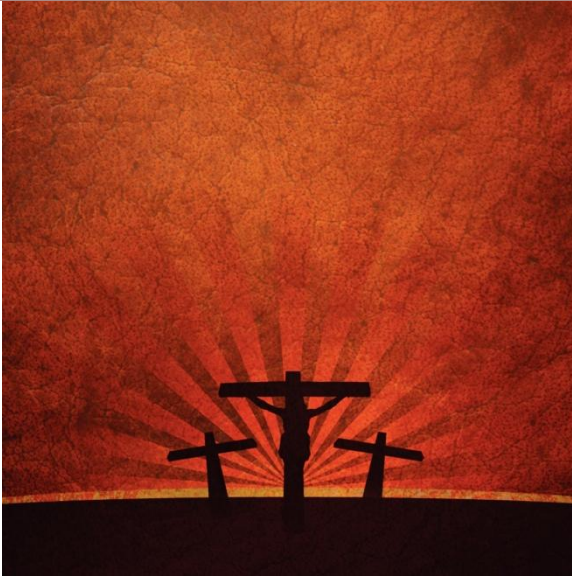
Amen

Annunciation of the Lord *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have
found favor with God. And now, you will
conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus” Luke 1: 31-31

March





Creator God,
Life is your gift to me.
Through Baptism, you invite me to share
the gift of my life in service to others.

Be with me as I choose each day to
show Your Presence in our world.

Give me the courage and generosity to
respond to Your love, to Your call.

I pray especially for those who serve you
in ministry in our parish and the Diocese
of Saskatoon.

May we bear the Good News to those
in need.

Keep us close to you.

Open the minds and hearts of many
other men, women and young people
that they may accept Your challenge to
build the Kingdom of God.

We ask this prayer through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

April

John 3:16

*"For God so loved the
world that he gave his
only son, so that every
one who believes in him
may not perish but
may have eternal life."*

May

Pentecost

John 20: 21-22

*Jesus said to them
again,*

*'Peace be with you.
As the Father has
sent me, so I send you..
He breathed on them,
'Receive the
Holy Spirit!''*



Generous and loving God, You call us to be disciples of your son Jesus and good stewards of all your many gifts.

Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbour and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts. With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

Bless our Parish and the Diocese of Saskatoon with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment for service, and increasing levels of generosity as we work to advance the mission of both our parish and diocese.

We pray through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Gracious God

You sent us St Paul
To preach the Gospel,
Inspire us in faith,
And show us the way
To be good stewards of Your grace.

In our time together
Show us how to be
Fervent ambassadors of Christ, Your Son.

Grant us the wisdom
To recognize that
Through his gift of the Eucharist
There is one bread, and we are one body.

Give us the courage
To proclaim the Good News in word and deed.

And in the spirit of St Paul
Teach us to live,
No longer for ourselves, but in Christ Jesus
Who lives and reigns with You
And the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.
Amen



*The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity*



June



July

*The Mission of the
Twelve - Luke 9: 6*

*"They departed and
went through the
villages, bringing the
Good News..."*

Lord, you alone are the source of every good gift,
of the vast array of our universe,
and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you
for your great power and your tender,
faithful LOVE.

Everything we are and everything we
have is your gift,
and after having created us,
You have given us the greatest of all
gifts, your son, JESUS CHRIST.

Fill our minds with His truth and our
hearts with His love,
that in His Spirit we may be bonded
together into a community
of faithful, caring people in our Parish
and the Diocese of Saskatoon.

In the name and spirit of Jesus,
we commit ourselves to be good
stewards of the gifts entrusted to us,
to share our time, our talent
and our material gifts as an outward
sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen

August

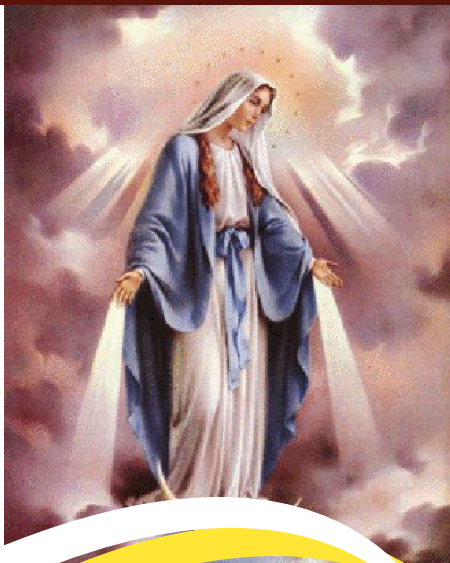
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Transfiguration

of the Lord



*The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*



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Help us on our spiritual journey so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you and all the good people in our parish and our diocese.

Renew in us your Spirit.

Give us the strength and courage to become better followers of Jesus.

Help us hear the call to discipleship.

We give glory to you, our God,
as we make stewardship a way of life.

Amen

PRESIDER: Let us pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life with God.

PART A: Because of our faith in You, O Lord, we acknowledge You as the source of all we have and all we are.

PART B: Help us place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbours in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

PART A: Help us, Lord, find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek and that You, alone, can provide.

PART B: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all Your gifts by sharing them for Your purposes.

PART A: Help us make Your priorities our priorities.

PART B: Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to put our faith into action.

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

PART A: As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us, Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.

PART B: Help us plan how to “give back” the talents with which we have been blessed.

PART A: Help us plan how to share our treasure to do Your work.

PART B: Our planning and sharing demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has in our lives.

ALL: Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.

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

PART A: Help us, Lord, return a portion of all You have given us.

PART B: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

PART A: We offer not only the “first fruits” of our financial resources, but a generous portion of our time and talents as well.

PART B: Giving proportionately means it is equal for all of us according to what You have given us. You ask the same of each of us.

PART A: As we give proportionately, help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.

PART B: As good Christian Stewards, we pray we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart. **Amen**





October

Mark 10: 29-30

"Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters..., for my sake who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - and in the age to come eternal life."



Lord Jesus, you have challenged us with your holy words in sacred scripture:
That the one who "seeks to save his life will lose it;"
That the one who "loses his life for your sake will save it for all eternity;"
That the "greatest among us is the one who serves the rest;"
That it is "harder for a rich man to enter heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle;"
That our "true treasure is in heaven."

Lord, you have given us your generous promises:
That you treasure greatly the sacrificial spirit of the widow's mite;
That you will reward with hundredfold harvest those who sow in the rich soil of faith;
That you will not be outdone in generosity;
That you will not give us burdens that we cannot bear.

We thank you, above all, for the joy-filled gift of faith and the inspirational witness of generous saints of ages past.

Lord, give us the strength and the faith to respond to your challenging words.
We ask you to help us to be thankful and responsible stewards of your gifts.
We ask you to bless us with the courage, generosity, and selflessness to help us multiply your gifts among us for the glory of your name.

Amen

November

Feast of Christ the King



Generous God, you have blessed us immeasurably.
We are eternally grateful for your many blessings.

The beauty of the world we live in,
the wonder of creation,
and the miraculous gift of life itself.

The loving support of family and friends,
their caring sympathy during troubles
and their sharing happiness during our joys.

The challenge of the tasks we work at,
the satisfaction of our accomplishments,
the enjoyment of our hobbies and diversions
and the meaningfulness of our volunteering.

The gift of shelter,
the nourishment of food and sustenance,
and the warmth and comfort of our clothes.

The trials and tribulations that each one of us faces,
that cause us to acknowledge our dependence on God.

The 'little things' –
a good book or great movie,
chocolate chip cookies,
arriving home safely, peace in our country,
and all those other things we take for granted but which are really blessings.

The love of a God who cares for each one of us,
the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit.

May we always remember to live as grateful stewards of your countless blessings.
We share our gratitude to you now and forever.
Amen.



December

The Nativity of the Lord

Good and loving God,
source of every grace and
blessing,
We bring you thanks as we
gather today for the many
gifts you have given us.

We seek to be good
stewards, Lord!

Help us this Advent season
to generously share all that
you have given us.

Bless us as we gather here
to share Your gifts.
Send us Your Spirit and be
present among us — in the
mouth of all who speak, in
the ears of all who listen at
the heart of all we say and
do.
We ask in Jesus' name.
Amen

