

The Diocese of Huron

The Anglican Church of Canada



Stewardship Committee
Worship Resources

Stewardship Prayers from the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

Prayer #1

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 throughout the parishes of this Diocese. May we bring the Good News to those in need. Keep us close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many others — men, women, and young people — that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom in our parishes.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer #2

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 beyond. Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus, to be a 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.**

Prayer #3

Creator God, at Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus.

Be with us as we move along on our faith journey. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer #4

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

Prayer #5

Lord God, You alone are the source of every gift, of the vast array of our universe, and of 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 into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with Christ’s truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. 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.**

Prayer #6

God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones. In the dawning of a new day, You are with us. In each dark hour, You are here. Blessed by Your grace, we show gratitude by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You. As You protect and guide us on our journey, we, Your stewards, remain ever grateful for Your constant love. **Amen**

Prayer #7

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 throughout our Diocese. 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 in our parish, our community and our world. For if not us, who? If not here, where? If not now, when? If not for Your Kingdom, why? We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer #8

Dear Jesus, I thank you for everything You have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts, enable me to use them to do Your will. I offer you this day all my words, actions and good intentions to reflect my love for You and my neighbour. Please help me realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others, help me to be generous, patient, forgiving and holy. **Amen**

Prayer #9

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school – to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to carry out my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour. Help me to reach out to others as you my God have reached out to me. **Amen**

Prayer #10

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and Loving Father, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all. You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. **Amen**

A Litany for Stewardship

(Adapted from a prayer from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington)

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 neighbours 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 the treasure we have been trusted with 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. AMEN*

Will You Come and Follow Me 430

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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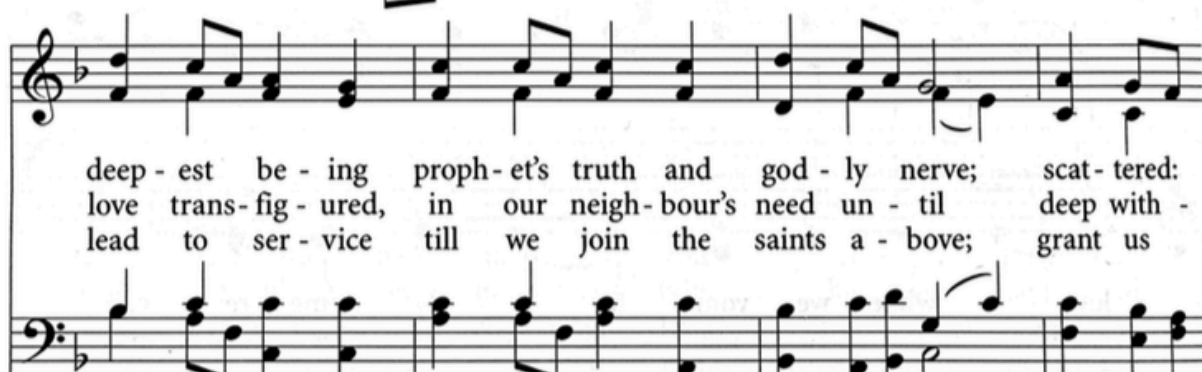
1 Liv - ing Lord of Love's do - min - ion, sov - ereign Sav - iour,
 2 Vis - it towns and in - ner cit - ies; pen - e - trate our
 3 With your bread, your wine, your Spir - it, nur - ture us for



bless your church; call us still as your dis - ci - ples—
 steel and stone with a love that melts our cold - ness,
 your in - tent; let your will be our vo - ca - tion



lov - ing, serv - ing, while we search. Gath - ered: feed our
 mak - ing mis - sion here our own. We will seek you,
 lived as song and sac - ra - ment. May com - pas - sion



deep - est be - ing proph - et's truth and god - ly nerve; scat - tered:
 love trans - fig - ured, in our neigh - bour's need un - til deep with -
 lead to ser - vice till we join the saints a - bove; grant us



let our lives' fru - i - tion nour - ish oth - ers while we serve.
 in our dail - y ser - vice love draws forth our ut - most skill.
 hope for each to - mor - row; fill our faith with vi - brant love!

You Call Us, Lord, to Be 450

1 You call us, Lord, to be a peo - ple set a - part,
 2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neigh - bour too,
 3 You call us, Lord, to be good stew - ards of the earth;
 4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to feel with thought - ful mind and think with ten - der heart.
 to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
 to tend it as a place of bless - ed - ness and worth.
 to know we best re - ceive when joy - ful - ly we give.

Thus cho - sen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your un -

fail - ing grace to make us e - qual to the task.

466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Unison

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to
 3 We mark your saints, how they be - came in hin - dran - ces more
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a -

call: to live ac - cord - ing to your word, and
 bear; if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and
 sure, whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the
 lone, in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may

dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that you are
 love it - self can - not un - wind its tan - gled
 ca - sual way we wear your name, and by our
 we not cease to look to you, the cross you

Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 hung up - on, all you en - deav - oured done.

Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult 432

1 Je - sus calls us! O'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - iour,

life's wild rest - less sea, day by day his
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.