

## MAKING A PRAYERFUL COMMITMENT

**Step One:** As you grow in thankfulness for your blessings, ask the Holy Spirit to embolden you as a good steward of God's gifts.

**Step Two:** Make a list of five things you intend to share during the coming year. Do you have a special talent? Do you have time to share? How much of your financial resources are you able to give back?

**Step Three:** Make a firm and prayerful commitment to be a disciple of Jesus and a good steward. How will you follow through with this commitment, particularly in the parish?

## *Gracious and Loving God,*

you are the giver of all good gifts. We recognize that all that we are and have comes from you, and we make a renewed commitment to be good stewards of these many blessings.

Lord Jesus, you show us God's way of love and mercy. Nourished by your Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we dedicate ourselves anew to live as members of your Body in the world.

Holy Spirit, you guide and inspire us in our daily living. Fill our hearts and minds with your wisdom. Strengthen our resolve to live as people who are sharing in Christ's mission as good and faithful stewards.

May all we say and do give glory to you, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*



GROW IN  
*thankfulness*

*love.* serve. SHARE.

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In this **love** we grow in thankfulness, we **serve** others and we **share** our gifts.

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## GROW IN THANKFULNESS

Look around you. All that is good and beautiful is a sign of God's love for you. The love we experience. The talents we possess. Blessings of every kind are a grace planted by God in our hearts.

God loves you! Created by Him in love, for love. The best and only response is to share this love and care in service to others. As stewards of the great gift of love and many holy blessings, we naturally grow in thankfulness.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord... it is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

-Colossians 3:23-24

As we become more attentive to these gifts, we become more inclined to joyfully share them. Our lives become fruitful, more bountiful, filled with gratitude.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Each of us has many gifts. When we cultivate them responsibly and return them in grateful service, we are sure to grow in faith and grow closer to the Lord. That is the beauty of discipleship. You are invited to grow in thankfulness, as together we reach out to others with love, service and the willingness to share our many blessings.

## Our Community of Faith

In this time of stewardship renewal, we energize our commitment as a community to live for others and for God.



## Abundant Blessings in Return

Our parish is the place where we grow strong through the Mass and sacraments, in service and fellowship and by the daily witness of our lives in Christ.

## Giving Joyfully and Generously

We refresh our understanding of ways our parish can reach out to the world and to those in need.



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