

PRAYER COVENANT

My dear Lord God, creator of the universe, creator of me, I am filled with humility and gratitude for your bountiful blessings. I want to acknowledge that all I have, all I am and all I will be is a gift from you. I want to thank you by managing your gift responsibly, as you expect me to. I want to share the gifts you give me with others as you would have me do. I want to form a closer, more perfect relationship with you by using my gifts of time in prayer. I pledge to put aside time each week that will be devoted to prayer for you, the church, my family, my faith community and for those who do not know how to pray and have no one to pray for them. I do this as an outward expression of this covenant with you. Amen.

Stewardship *is a* disciple's *response.*



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*A disciple is one who follows
the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

Stewardship PRAYER

JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU.
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT
ME, SO I SEND YOU."

John 20:21



what does the
Word of God
teach us about **prayer?**

Mt. 7:7-8

“Ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive and anyone who seeks will find and the door will be opened to those who knock.”

Mt. 18:19-20

“Again, I tell you, if two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. When two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst.”

Mk. 11:17

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Mk. 11:24

“I give you my word, if you are ready to believe that you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer, it shall be done for you.”

Rms. 12:12

“Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer.”

Phil. 1:4

“I give thanks to my God every time I think of you, which is constantly, in every prayer I utter—rejoicing as I plead on your behalf.”

Phil. 4:6

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude.”

Col. 4:2

“Pray perseveringly, be attentive to prayers and pray in a spirit of Thanksgiving.”

1 Tim. 2:3

“I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be offered for all, ... especially those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity.”

Jas. 5:13-16

“If anyone among you is suffering hardship he must pray. If a person is in good spirits he should sing a hymn of praise. ‘Is there anyone sick among you?’ he should ask the presbyters of the church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his. Hence, declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing.”

*Reasons why
we should pray:*

1. Prayer is how we spend our time forming a close, more perfect relationship with God.
2. Prayer opens our hearts, minds and souls to God’s teachings.
3. Prayer converts us from being self-centered to God-centered.
4. Prayer helps us to cope with the trials and temptations of life.
5. Prayer helps us to see others’ sufferings through the eyes of God.
6. Prayer changes people and people change things.
7. Prayer unites families.
8. Prayer unites faith communities.