



Our Lady of the Rosary
CATHOLIC CHURCH



2025

Stewardship PRAYER GUIDE

November 17-22

***SCRIPTURE,
TESTIMONY &
PRAYER***

MONDAY, NOV 17

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Hebrews 10:24-25

When I was confirmed a year ago, I felt a deep call to give back to the Church that had given me so much. Saying "yes" to becoming a catechist in our OCIA program has been one of the most fulfilling ways I've been able to share my time and talents. Walking with others as they discover or return to the Catholic faith reminds me of my own journey of conversion and renewal. Each class, question, and conversation deepens my appreciation for the beauty of our Church and strengthens my own relationship with Christ.

Through my involvement in our parish's Fiat group, I've come to see how beautifully women reflect the strength, faith, and grace of Mary's "yes." And through the Evangelical Catholic training program, I'm learning how to share the Gospel with confidence and joy in my daily life. Each of these experiences has deepened my love for Christ and His Church.

Serving has shown me that stewardship is not just about doing—it's about being open to how God wants to use us. When we offer our time and talents to Him, He multiplies them in ways we could never imagine. My hope is that others will also listen for that quiet invitation from God and find the same joy in saying "yes."

- Jennifer

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you that we can never outgive you.

The more we give to you, the more you fill our lives with meaning, peace, and joy. Help us not to seek our fulfillment and contentment in the pleasures and distractions of the world, but in you--especially in spending quality time with you and with your people.

By your grace, we will not neglect our daily time with you. We will not neglect your Holy Mass. We will not neglect the needs of those around us. Thank you that, as we say "yes" to you and allow you to have your way in our lives, you will tend to our deepest needs.

Your plan is so much better than any plan we could come up with, because you know us better we know ourselves, and you love us better than we could even love ourselves.

You alone know best how to fill our lives with meaning and satisfaction. That is why we feel safe to trust you with our lives.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

TUESDAY, NOV 18

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility,
regard others above yourselves.*

- *Philippians 2:3*

In 2016, my wife Linda and I relocated from Wisconsin to Land O' Lakes. My sister, a resident of Land O'Lakes, invited me to attend Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. I was drawn to the church's welcoming environment and impressed by its wide array of ministries. We also discovered the church's commitment to tithing, which resonated with both Linda and me. Before long, I joined the Rediscover Jesus Men's Ministry (RDJ), participating in morning Bible studies similar to those offered by my previous parish in Wisconsin. Linda, though not Catholic but an avid student of Scripture, always encouraged me to delve deeper into God's Word and strengthen my faith.

In 2018, when the leader of the Rediscover Jesus Men's Ministry moved to Ohio, I had the opportunity to step into his role—a true blessing that felt like divine providence. During our RDJ Bible Studies and gatherings, we often begin by asking if there were any "Aha" moments; many of us discover new insights about Scripture or our faith. Fellowship is one of our RDJ Core Values: as iron sharpens iron, so one man strengthens another in faith, hope, and love.

Sadly, in June of 2024, Linda passed away unexpectedly after a sudden illness. This led me to join the parish's Grief Share program, which provided invaluable support during my journey through grief. Connecting with other parishioners who experienced similar loss, sharing our stories, and receiving guidance has been an immense blessing. This fellowship inspired me to become involved with the Healing Ministry and the NAIN Ministry at Our Lady of the Rosary. God is Good!

- David

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, Thank you that you have called us into your family, to encourage and be encouraged, to pray with and be prayed for, to comfort and be comforted. Your Son, by his sacrifice on the cross, has raised us up. May we give ourselves as willing sacrifices to lift others up in their time of need. Please help us to get our eyes off ourselves and onto you, and thus, by your grace and leading, to tend to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

We trust you to care for my needs as we seek to care for the needs for others. We delight in you, Lord.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Matthew 6:21

As a young couple just starting out, there were many times my husband and I struggled to make ends meet. This was even more true as children came one right after the other. The thought of tithing was always in the back of my mind, but it was a discussion I had put off. I knew it would be difficult discerning how much we should give, when it was already a struggle to pay the bills. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit began slowly working on my heart and inviting me to discover the true purpose of tithing: to grow in Generosity, Obedience, Thanksgiving, and most importantly: Trust.

I already knew that, as Christians, we are called to charity and generosity. God slowly revealed to me that giving back to Him a portion of what He had given to us was both a way of being obedient to Him and His Church, as well as a chance to tell Him "thank you" for all His blessings. Even more importantly, I was learning to trust that He would not ask us for something that wasn't going to be good for us, and that He would provide what we needed, even when it seemed impossible.

We finally chose to place our trust in Him completely and give back to Him what He was calling us to, no matter how impossible it seemed. Like the perfect Father He is, He has never, ever disappointed. God cannot be outdone in generosity. He provided for us in ways that were beautiful, amazing, and almost always unexpected. Ask Him what He is asking of you, and then give it to Him without reserve. God will never disappoint...Jesus, we trust in You!

- Brianna

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, Thank you for all you have made. Thank you for entrusting a portion of your creation to me. Everything ultimately belongs to you, including my very life, and the lives of my loved ones.

I am merely a steward of all that I possess. You are the owner. I admit that I'm tempted to try to find my security in having "enough" money. It can be scary to give what you ask, but you are my security. You are my hope. You are my Provider. I put my trust in you. All that I have is yours. You say that where my treasure is, there my heart will be. Lord, I long for my heart to be with you and not with my bank account. By your grace, I will be obedient and faithful to give you the firstfruits of all the income that you have enabled me to earn.

Please give me the strength to joyfully trust you in this.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

THURSDAY, NOV 20

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” - Matthew 6:33

We've been so blessed by giving of our time to Our Lady of the Rosary. The gift of our time is really a family decision because our roles at home are also affected when one of us is committed to being at church at any given time. We have discovered that our desire to be involved in our church just keeps growing. That began with our desire to learn more about our faith. As our children have grown, we naturally became more involved: with the Servant's Heart Couples Ministry, the core team for the High School Youth Ministry, ushering at Mass, and the Fiat ladies ministry. We both love going to the newly developed Bible studies, the Eucharistic Encounter, Parish Missions, Family Fest, the Rosary Rally, etc.

Our teens are very involved in the Mark 8 Youth Leadership group and the High School Youth Ministry. They also serve as an Extraordinary Minister and Usher. Our little one loves attending Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. All the children look forward to summer camps and retreats to both serve and have fun as a faith community. As a family we try to attend daily mass as much as possible.

When you say yes to the Lord, the Lord grants so many blessings you may not expect. For our family, the added time at church has miraculously enabled us to be together more. While giving more of our time to the church and to the Lord during the busiest time of our lives seemed crazy, the fruits of that action have been abundant. Don't be afraid to say yes to God's call. The time the Lord has carved out for you is always time well spent.

- Eugene & Jenny

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you that, with you, all things are possible. Our lives can get so busy, hectic, or full of distractions. It sometimes seems like time is our enemy, that there's never enough time. But thank you that you make all things possible, when we give you the firstfruits of our time. Thank you that you draw us to yourself, to come away and be with you. It is only there, in your presence, that we find true, lasting contentment and purpose for our lives. Help us to seek you above else, to celebrate the Mass, to pray, to study the beauties and riches of our faith, to grow side by side with others in the family of God. Thank you that the "family" of God is not a metaphor. It is a reality. Help me to find the time to spend quality time with my Church family, and, most of all, to seek out time with you everyday. Thank you for your promise that, as I seek you first, you will tend to my other needs.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

FRIDAY, NOV 21

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me.

But you say, 'How have we robbed you?'

*In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse,
for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.*

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my
house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts,
if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and
pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*

- Malachi 3:8-10

Tithing has become an important spiritual habit for our family. It's a way of putting our priorities in order; giving to God first, not with what's left over.

Setting aside that portion keeps us mindful that what we have isn't just for us. It reminds us to live with purpose, to spend more intentionally, and to stay generous even when life feels tight.

Tithing isn't about what we get in return; it's about choosing consistency, trust, and gratitude in how we handle what's been entrusted to us.

- David & Susana

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for pouring out your love into our hearts.

You give us life, relationships, work, and blessings. Even more than that, you have given us your very Self. Through your Son's death on the cross, you didn't hold back anything from us. You gave it all. Forgive me for the times when I hold back from giving you even just 10% of what you have entrusted to me. Thank you for your promise that if I will be faithful to you, including obedience to give you the first ten percent of my income, that you will be faithful to uphold me--physically, mentally, emotionally, and, above all, spiritually. You--not my paycheck--are my True Provider. I admit that giving can be scary, because sometimes it seems as if I just won't have enough. But you are more than enough, Lord. Thank you that, as I put my finances in your hands through my tithe, I am welcoming you to have your way in my life. Please give me strength and courage to obey your command to give, so that I can know the joy of fulfilling your plan for my life. Help me to give with a cheerful heart, not begrudgingly. Help me to put you first. Help me to stay generous, even when life feels tight.

I love you and ask for your help in this, so that I can know the joy of participating in your work, and, as a result, sharing in your divine life of perfect peace, joy, and contentment. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SATURDAY, NOV 22

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
-Philippians 4:6-7

The blessings we have received in our family from putting God first have made us so thankful. Our family changed so much after we came to know God. We grew in our faith and were transformed by the Holy Spirit. We began to understand each other with more kindness and patience, no matter the situation. We learned that being a family is not just about living under the same roof, but about spending time together and supporting and praying for each other.

Before, we were focused on our own needs and goals, but after receiving God's blessing--thanks to Fr. Christian who helped us and prepared us to receive the blessing of the Sacrament of Matrimony--we opened our hearts to God and began to understand that everything we have in our home--our family, our time, our talents, and even our very lives--are blessings that He has entrusted to us. We came to understand that being good stewards means using what God has given us to serve others, care for His creation, and live each day with constant thankfulness to God.

Our daughters have taught us to serve in the Church. With them, we have learned the importance of giving our time with thankful hearts. We've realized that we are called as a family to devote ourselves to prayer and to serving with our talents. We have been blessed by God in our family and will continue to serve our parish with solidarity.

- Adán and Rosa

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you know our needs, and that you know how best to meet our needs. We entrust to you all of our physical needs, our spiritual needs, and our emotional needs. Please help us to get our focus off of our own desires and onto the needs of others. We want to give of our time with thankful hearts, to devote ourselves to prayer, the sacraments, and service. We commit our lives to you and your Church. Help us to constantly pray to you throughout everyday, always with hearts of thanksgiving. As we do so, we believe your promise that you will pour out on us your peace that transcends all understanding--that perfect sense of contentment that is not dependent on circumstances.

We love you, Lord.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

With a grateful heart for all the blessings that You have given me, I offer back to You Lord a share of my Time, Talents and Treasure for Your glory and service to my neighbor.

TIME: The Gift of Love

I commit myself, Lord, to the following:

- ____ Spend a minimum of ____ minutes a day in prayer.
- ____ Attend Mass every weekend.
- ____ Pray the Rosary on a daily basis.
- ____ Read my Bible for a minimum of ____ minutes each day.
- _____
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TALENT: The Gift of Hope

I thank You Lord for the Talents with which you have blessed me and commit my talents in service to our community and parish by volunteering in the following groups:

1. ____ Mass Volunteer (Tech, Altar Server, Lector, EMHC)
2. ____ Catechist or Core Member
3. ____ Music Ministry
4. ____ Safe Environment Team
5. _____
6. _____

TREASURE: The Gift of Faith

Each household is asked to commit 10% of their annual income as a steward of God's gifts He has given you.

While this level of tithing may be a challenge for you at this time, prayerfully consider an intentional sacrificial step in giving towards this goal.

In thanksgiving for God's blessings and in support of my parish, I will pledge (Choose 1):

☐ **Weekly** \$ _____ ☐ **Monthly** \$ _____ ☐ **Annually** \$ _____