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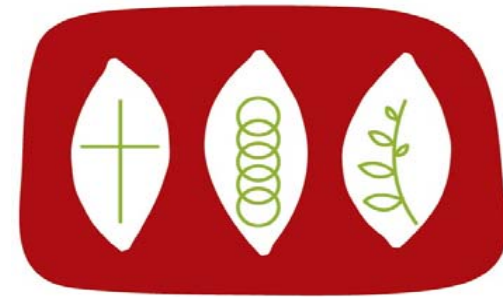
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# Prayers of Petition

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Five Week Inspiration Phase

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## Prayers of Petition Inspiration Phase

As a community of faith we gather at the table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist. As part of this gathering, we bring our prayers of petition to our God. This collection of prayers of petition is organized to follow the themes of the five week Inspiration Phase of your parish's stewardship campaign.

Week One:	Stewardship: A Way of Life
Week Two:	Prayer
Week Three:	Service
Week Four:	Sharing
Week Five:	Commitment/Pledging

Following the Inspiration Phase and Commitment Sunday, the Liturgy Committee will want to follow up with prayers of thanksgiving for the many gifts, blessings, and generous sharing which took place in your parish.

## Week Five Commitment/Pledging

Response: *Lord of Everlasting Faithfulness, hear our prayer.*

- A) That our Holy Father and all church leaders who preach and teach God's word become living examples of God's covenant with us, we pray to the Lord,
- B) That every leader in government, that they will honor and be true to their promise to bring peace and reconciliation to their world, we pray to the Lord,
- C) That communities support, in deeds as well as word, all who are in need of healing and comfort, we pray to the Lord,
- D) That people we have offended, hurt and even ignored accept reconciliation with us and with God, we pray to the Lord,
- E) That the model of discipleship and commitment that we all seek be found in the life of Mary, the first disciple and in the communion of Saints who followed after her and dedicated their lives to Christ, we pray to the Lord,

**Week Four  
Sharing**

Response: *Lord of Abundant Treasure, hear our prayer.*

- A) For all pastors - bishops, priests, deacons and lay people - that, like the apostles, they share their wealth with joy and resources with enthusiasm, we pray to the Lord,
- B) For local, national and world leaders, that they make wise and prudent decisions for the good of the community, we pray to the Lord,
- C) That those who are deprived of the necessities of life receive the nourishment necessary to experience God's blessings in abundance, we pray to the Lord,
- D) For all those who work the earth and those who work in difficult, unjust conditions, that they may receive a just wage and a safe environment, we pray to the Lord,
- E) That the members of this assembly root out the weeds of selfishness, we pray to the Lord,

**Week One  
Stewardship - A Way of Life**

Response: *Lord of all, hear our prayer.*

- A) That the pastoral leaders of the church care for all of creation and especially act as stewards of all those entrusted to their leadership, we pray to the Lord,
- B) That people of every nation use natural resources more wisely and treat creation more respectfully, we pray to the Lord,
- C) For those who hunger to be nourished and those who are fed but hunger for justice and equality, we pray to the Lord,
- D) That the arms of the rich embrace the poor and that all share their blessings with those less fortunate, we pray to the Lord,
- E) For the members of this church, that we may serve as true stewards, living witnesses of thanksgiving and share with others the many fruits of our labor, we pray to the Lord,

**Week Two  
Prayer**

Response: *Lord Jesus, Teacher of Prayer,  
hear our prayer.*

- A) That the ears of the world be opened to God's word and that all who carry God's word into the world be proclaimers of God's love, we pray to the Lord,
- B) That all governments of the world, ensure religious freedom of expression for all citizens, we pray to the Lord,
- C) For those whose hearts are broken and those who feel themselves sinking in a pit of hopelessness, that they might know God's closeness and healing, we pray to the Lord,
- D) For those who seek God in their lives that they might find the strength and courage to speak of their needs, we pray to the Lord,
- E) For the members of our community that all be ready to profess God's loving presence among us, we pray to the Lord,

**Week Three  
Service**

Response: *Prince of Peace and Justice, hear our prayer.*

- A) For pastors, church leaders, and all lay ecclesial ministers, that they faithfully carry out their duties with joyful hearts, we pray to the Lord,
- B) For those who lead the nations of the world that they might commit themselves anew to the cause of justice and peace, we pray to the Lord,
- C) That those who live lives of slavery to power tribes understand that true life lies in love and service, we pray to the Lord,
- D) That those who feed the hungry and shelter the homeless see in them the face of Jesus, we pray to the Lord,
- E) For all who gather at this table and all who have no table at which to gather, that they may feel God's love through the service of the people around them, we pray to the Lord,