

# A STEWARD'S PRAYER

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*Dear Jesus,*

Help me to understand that my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who help make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, I beg you, Jesus, for the grace I need to dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

*Amen.*

