

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in September, 2022

## Introduction

Leader If God is the center of our lives, we take seriously the urgency to examine the choices we make each day. We cannot wait until the end of our lives to think about the end.

## Opening Prayer

All God of truth and justice, we know that we are accountable to you for our choices. Give us the wisdom to know what to choose and the grace to choose justly. Cure us of the materialism that prevents us from giving generously of the gifts entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus who has taught us how to become trustworthy stewards. Amen.

## Word of God Luke 16:10-13

Reader A reading from Gospel of Luke After the reading, pause for silent reflection

*Optional* Discuss these questions in two's or three's *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. If Jesus were to say to me, "Prepare a full account of your stewardship," what would my response be?
2. What does it mean for you to be decisive and prudent at every moment of your life?

Side 1 "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Side 2 Placing God as the priority for the way we make choices will lead us to trustworthy discipleship.

Side 1 "No servant can serve two masters."

Side 2 May You be our Master, God, remaining number one in our lives.

Side 1 "You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Side 2 So, which will rule our choices—God's ways or "mammon"?

**Petitions** Individuals add intentions to remember here.

## Closing Prayer

All Loving God, how we need your grace to live with you as the priority in our lives!  
Staying focused on what leads us towards remaining disciples of Jesus is only accomplished by trusting in your mercy. We pray for your gracious help through Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.



*Luke 16:10-13*

Jesus said to his disciples,

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters  
is also trustworthy in great ones;  
and the person who is dishonest in very small matters  
is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,  
who will trust you with true wealth?

No servant can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and mammon.”