



Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Prayer Service

Garden of Creation

Let us Pray:

Lord,

You are the sower and reaper, the planter and harvester. We are eager to cultivate the gifts in the fertile soil of hearts open to You.

Reading from Scripture:

“God blessed them, saying: ‘Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.’ God also said, ‘See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed bearing fruit on it to be your food.’”

Genesis 1: 28-29

Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?

All creation is a gift from God, and we are all called to revere and respect this gift. The Church teaches that misusing God’s creation betrays the gifts He has given to us for the good of all humanity. How do I revere and respect God’s gift of creation? Do I keep myself informed about environmental issues? Do I allow concern for the world to influence my purchasing decisions? Do I reuse and recycle the items that I use? What simple steps could I take to reduce the impact I have on the environment? Buying reusable grocery bags? Lowering my thermostat a little? Paying a little more for a recycled product? Have I considered supporting organizations that protect land, wildlife, and the overall environment?

Closing:

Lord,

The seed that fell on rich ground yielded a harvest of thirty, sixty, or one hundred fold. May the seeds that You have planted in our hearts, in all the gardens where we are called to be good stewards, produce a rich harvest for building up Your Kingdom. Amen.