



Twelve Gardens of Stewardship Prayer Service

Garden of History

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:

"I will teach you hidden lessons from our past - stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, . . . so the next generation might know them . . . and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands." *Psalms 78*

Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?

Do I stay informed about recent history ('current events') through media sources? Do I take advantage of books, documentaries, and other resources that give us perspective on history? Do I consider history and news critically, and in light of ways I can make a difference in the world? Do I share my personal stories with others, particularly those in newer generations? Do I regularly reflect on my own life and what I have learned from my personal experiences? Do I reflect on my spiritual history and the ways I have experienced Christ throughout my life?

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.