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**Prayer for Parish Campaign Meeting #5: Leadership Team Report One**

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: In the name of the Father †...

Jesus Christ is the same

ALL: yesterday, today and forever.

Leader: We gather in the name of our God in whom we live and move and have our being.

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**Scripture**

1 Chronicles 21:21-22:1 (NRSV)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Chronicles.

As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David; he went out from the threshing-floor, and did obeisance to David with his face to the ground. David said to Ornan, 'Give me the site of the threshing-floor that I may build on it an altar to the Lord—give it to me at its full price—so that the plague may be averted from the people.' Then Ornan said to David, 'Take it; and let my lord the king do what seems good to him; see, I present the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing-sledges for the wood, and the wheat for a grain-offering. I give it all.' But King David said to Ornan, 'No; I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, nor offer burnt-offerings that cost me nothing.' So David paid Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the site. David built there an altar to the Lord and presented burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being. He called upon the Lord, and he answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt-offering. Then the Lord commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him at the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he made his sacrifices there. For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon; but David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the Lord. Then David said, 'Here shall be the house of the Lord God and here the altar of burnt-offering for Israel.'

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **Silent Reflection**

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Leader: Let us take a moment and silently reflect on the Word we have heard.

### **Response as Sacrifice to Stewardship**

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Leader: Let us pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life with God.

Reader: Because of our faith in You, O Lord, we acknowledge You as the source of all we have and all we are.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us, Lord, find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we seek and that You, alone, can provide.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all Your gifts by sharing them for Your purposes.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us make Your priorities our priorities.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to put our faith into action.

**ALL: Gracious Father, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing.

Reader: As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us, Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need

**ALL: Gracious Father, inspire us.**

Reader: Help us plan how to “give back” the talents with which we have been blessed

**ALL: Gracious Father, inspire us.**

Reader: Help us plan how to share our treasure to do Your work.

**ALL: Gracious Father, inspire us.**

Reader: Our planning and sharing demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has in our lives.

**ALL: Gracious Father, inspire us.**

Reader: Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.

**ALL: Gracious Father, inspire us.**

Leader: Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us.

Reader: Help us, Lord, return a portion of all You have given us.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we give thanks.**

Reader: We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we give thanks.**

Reader: We offer not only the “first fruits” of our financial resources, but a generous portion of our time and talents as well.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we give thanks.**

Reader: Giving proportionately means it is equal for all of us: help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we give thanks.**

Reader: As good Christian Stewards, we pray we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we give thanks.**

**At the end of the meeting, the Campaign Prayer is prayed:**

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Leader: Dear God, we ask for a special blessing, while as a group, we humbly pray our campaign prayer and covenant with you:

ALL: O loving and generous God,  
source of all life, holiness and goodness,  
we thank you for the many gifts you give us  
throughout our lifelong journey of faith.

With *faith* in our future,  
we commit ourselves to the support of Catholic education  
and our own lifelong faith formation.

With *hope* in the here and now,  
we ask you to nourish us in your Spirit  
so that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts.

With **love**, may the sacrifice of our joyful giving  
be an outward sign of the true treasure we hold in Jesus.

O faithful God, keep us always mindful  
of the good that can happen  
when we allow you to work through us  
as one family united in faith.

We entrust our prayer through the intercession  
of Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God,  
and St. John, the Evangelist, patron of our archdiocese,  
as we pray through Jesus Christ  
who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

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