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PRAYING WITH *the Holy Father*

Monthly Resource

for small group gatherings or classroom use



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For the proper use of wealth

Opening Prayer

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross
- Prayer: The Daily Offering



Good Father, I know you are with me. Here I am on this new day. Place my heart once more with the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself for me and who comes to me in the Eucharist. May your Holy Spirit make me his friend and apostle, available for his mission of compassion.

I place in your hands my joys and hopes, my works and sufferings, everything that I am and have, in communion with my brothers and sisters of this Worldwide Prayer Network.

With Mary, I offer you my day for the mission of the Church and for the prayer intentions of the Pope and my Bishop for this month. Amen.

Introduce Intention

The Holy Father's November 2026 Intention

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptations of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The Pope Video

- Pray with the Pope as he leads us through a prayer for the monthly intention.
- The video is available at <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Reflection

Reflection by Tom Corcoran

Tom is the Co-Founder of Rebuilt Parish and the co-author of *Jesus, the Rich Young Man and the Meaning of Life*.

All three synoptic Gospels tell us about an encounter Jesus has with a rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. The following verse best captures the exchange between them:

“And Jesus, looking upon him, loved him, and said to him, ‘You lack one thing; go sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me’” (Mark 10:21).

Jesus looks on him with love. He offers a huge challenge, but it does not come from a place of envy or contempt. Out of love he tells him to give his possessions to the poor so he can gain eternal life.

Jesus challenges us to use our wealth and resources for greater good because he loves us and is for us. We share our resources with the poor, with Catholic ministries, and with our parish out of a response to God’s love and goodness to us.

Jesus tells the rich young man to give his money to the poor, and then he makes an astonishing statement. He tells him, “you will have treasure in heaven.” When we give, we are not losing our money; we are transferring it. It is a paradox of the kingdom: in giving we receive. Jesus teaches us to give and bless others financially because ultimately it doesn’t pay to be selfish.

We pray for the grace to use our means to give as Jesus calls us to give. Giving is a proper use of wealth for both the giver and for those who benefit from the gift.

Sacred Scripture

- Matthew 6:19-21 - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Saint Connection

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

- Saint Katharine Drexel inherited part of her father's \$20 million fortune, yet chose to dedicate her wealth to serving Native Americans and African Americans rather than living a life of luxury.
- She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891 and used her inheritance to establish more than 60 schools and 50 missions across the United States.
- In 1915, Saint Katharine Drexel founded Xavier University of Louisiana, the first Catholic university in the United States created specifically for African Americans.

Discussion Questions

- St. Katharine Drexel believed that everything she had belonged first to God. How might our decisions change if we viewed our money, talents, time, and influence as gifts entrusted to us rather than possessions we own?
- Think of a time when someone shared their resources, time, or opportunities with you. How did that experience affect your life?
- What attitudes or fears keep people from sharing their resources more generously?
- What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to practice greater solidarity with those who have less?

Closing Prayer

- Prayer:

Lord, we give You thanks for the abundant blessings You have poured into our lives. Grant us hearts that see others as You see them, and deepen our desire to serve our brothers and sisters with generosity and love. In gratitude for all You have given us, we offer back to You all that we are and all that we have. Bless those who are in need of life's resources, and help us to be instruments of Your providence and compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- End with the Sign of the Cross