

Stewardship of Prayer Scripture Reflections

1.) **Matthew 1:23**

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Do you realize that God is with you at all times including when you sin?

2.) **Matthew 2:10**

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”

Are you overjoyed at Jesus’ constant presence in your life?

3.) **Matthew 3:3c**

“A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’”

Where do you need to straighten out your life to prepare the way for Jesus?

4.) **Matthew 3:8**

“Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.”

What good fruit (Conversion) (Change of Heart) do you need to embrace as evidence of your repentance?

5.) **Matthew 4:4b**

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Do you focus too much on materialism and not enough on God’s Word (Scripture)?

6.) **Matthew 4:7b**

“Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”

Do you trust God even when it seems that your prayers are not answered?

7.) **Matthew 4:10b**

“‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”

Do you make worship of God at the weekly Eucharist (Mass) a top priority?

8.) **Matthew 4:19**

“Jesus said, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Do you need to follow Jesus more faithfully (Holy Communion) especially in spreading the Gospel Message to others?

9.) **Matthew 5:8**

“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”

Is your heart divided by unrest caused by addictive behavior?

10.) **Matthew 5:44**

“Jesus says, ‘But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.’”

How are you doing with loving your enemies and praying for those who persecute you?