



Reflection Weekend

*"The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth."* Psalm 145:18

The Second Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Prayer

What do you think of when you think of prayer? Perhaps one good way to think of it is to imagine an athlete preparing for the big game. The game is on Sunday, and he has all week to prepare. To win the game, he has to practice, lift weights, eat well and get some sleep. He cannot perform at his best if he does not have the strength that comes with physical fitness. The same goes with prayer and the Christian. The Christian cannot be a faithful steward if he does not prepare with prayer.



Without prayer, it is very difficult to hear the voice of God in our lives. Even Jesus prayed before making big decisions in His life! We see Jesus pray in the Scripture before He chooses His disciples. The image of Jesus praying in the garden before His crucifixion is a powerful one that shows us how prayer can help us do God's will no matter how tough it is.

Every day in our lives, we need God by our side. We, in fact, are *One Family in Mission* but like every family we need God as the head of our family. This week, open your heart to God, and ask Him to guide you and to make His will known to you. Reflect this week on what gifts God has given to you. There is no better way to find out what God wants of you than to ask and listen to Him. Thanks be to God for the gifts we've been given! Let us use them with joy!

Living Stewardship

Pray. Listen to what God is telling you. God may be moving you to do something for His church or He may be putting someone in your life and asking you to do something for them.

Intercession

We want to be the faithful stewards of the gifts You have given us; help us to prepare with prayer so we have the tools to do Your will ...

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