

SUMMER Readings Reflections

Sunday, August 15

Matthew 6:1-4

Can you think of a incidence recently when you wanted others to see your helpful action; when serving was not enough, but an improved reputation was also part of your agenda? Why does Jesus prefer that you keep your good works a secret?

Monday, August 16

Matthew 6:5-6

Just as with our actions, Jesus instructs us to pray privately so that our prayers do not become a show or a speech. Where do you pray? When do you make time to intercede to God for the needs of others?

Tuesday, August 17

Matthew 6:7-8

Simple, believing prayer. That's what God longs to hear from you. Don't worry about finding the right words — just talk to him! Take a moment now to pray for whatever is on your heart.

Wednesday, August 18

Matthew 6:9-10

Why is it so important to pray for God's will to be done?

Thursday, August 19

Matthew 6:11

What do you truly need? Whose perspective of your needs is in your best interest? Why?

Friday, August 20

Matthew 6:12-15

Humility is the beginning of transformation. What is going on in your life right now that would benefit from your humbling yourself and forgiving others?

Saturday, August 21

Matthew 6:16-18

In our actions, our prayers and even our prayerful fasting and sacrifice, we are to be cautious about drawing attention to ourselves. We are to let God be God. Who have you tried to impress with your piety, even subtlety? Seek God's grace and discipline in this area of spiritual growth.