



# Daily Reflections

## October 13, 2018

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 11: 27-28**

While Jesus was speaking,  
a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,  
"Blessed is the womb that carried you  
and the breasts at which you nursed."  
He replied, "Rather, blessed are those  
who hear the word of God and observe it."

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### Our Scripture Reflection

An anonymous woman in the crowd proclaims a Beatitude to Jesus which makes a reference to His Blessed Mother. While He does not lack gratitude for such a wonderful proclamation, He does use it as an opportunity to illustrate proper priorities. Even more important than the gift and blessings of Motherhood is the need to live the Word of God whether the disciple doing so is His Mother or Brother or Friend.

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### Food for your Journey

The mark of maturity in our prayer life is when our prayers are fundamentally changed from "Give me ..." to "Make me ..."

"Give me" prayers are childlike. They treat God like a cosmic vending machine delivering goodies when we insert a coin -- our prayer -- into the slot.

"Make me" prayers are for grown-up Christians. They acknowledge the ways we fall short. They ask God to transform us, so we can be better disciples.

"Lord, make me a better husband, a better wife. Help me love my partner as Christ loves the church."

"Lord, make me a better parent. Make me, through adversity and experience, patient and understanding. Help me by following the example of your life, to model faithful living."

"Lord, you have placed a difficult challenge before me, but I trust that you wish only the best for me. I lean on your strength to provide what I need to rise to the occasion."

"God, may I be more like Christ."

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, You call me from the moment of my Baptism to be Your disciple. That means I must make following You the priority of my life. Help me, Lord, to remain faithful and true to Your calling. Amen