



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,  
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.  
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'  
While they went off to buy it,  
the bridegroom came  
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.  
Then the door was locked.  
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,  
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'  
But he said in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'  
Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

The Boy Scout motto: "Always be prepared" is also fitting for the life of the Christian as we read in our Gospel. Being prepared does not, however, mean being anxious or neurotic about life. No, we were put here to serve the Bridegroom Jesus. We believe that He will return in His time at the end of time. We are called to be vigilant and ready to receive Him with joy.

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## **Food for your Journey**

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. --John Henry Jowett

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You have put me in this life and entrusted me with Your work to do. Keep me focused and vigilant so that I will receive You with joy when You return. Amen.

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