

Devotions for the Week

Practice righteousness for Christ

Keep in mind this passage from CS Lewis this week about heavenly rewards, as you read and reflect on the passages this week about practicing righteousness: *"Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."* — CS Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

Let this week's guiding question be:

"In what practical ways is the Lord calling me to practice righteousness — both things to do and things not to do — in my life?"

Pray this week:

"Lord, let me store up treasures in heaven, rather than seeking my own way and temporary treasures here on earth. Let me like a toddler again and again practice righteousness. As I fall again and again, continue to lead me, guide me, and pick me up, that I might be a mirror to your own brilliant light, drawing others to your glory. Amen."

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Reflect on the Homily and How You Will Practice Righteousness

Thursday, February 23

Read and Reflect on Matthew 6 (Treasure in Heaven)

Friday, February 24

Read and Reflect on Romans 12 (Present Yourself as a Living Sacrifice)

Saturday, February 25

Read and Reflect on Proverbs 16 (Practice Righteousness in the Heart)

Sunday, February 26

Reflect on Worship, the Sermon, and Communion

Monday, February 27

Read and Reflect on Isaiah 58 (Feed the Hungry)

Tuesday, February 28

Read and Reflect on Romans 6 (Become Slaves to Righteousness)



