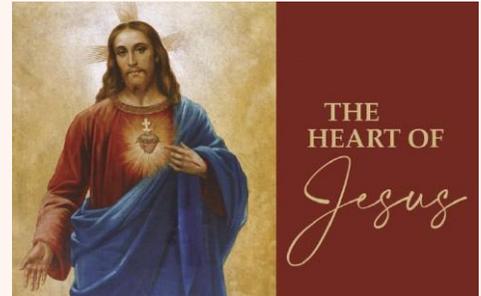




From the Desk of Father Peter

Beautiful Words to Ponder for Lent

Lent is about us and our journey of faith. It is about God and us. It is a time of renewal to fast, pray and give alms. We are invited to draw from the source of our baptism, the grace within and allow Christ to revive us.



Scripture says, "Let us search and examine our ways that we may return to the Lord. Let us reach out our hearts toward God in heaven!" Lamentations 3:40-41.

The whole idea of the season of Lent is to help us to improve, reshape, do more, and become better. I invite each one of us to use these beautiful words that follow, to do a self-evaluation toward a meaningful prayer life this Lent. We all need God's grace and love to renew ourselves in prayer, and it must be constant on our minds. Let us please ponder these words in order to improve our spiritual life and outlook.

Remember:

- 1. Prayer is not only a "spare wheel" that we pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life. So pray always.*
- 2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rearview mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on in your trust of God. Note our mistakes, change our ways, and trust in God.*

3. *Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but takes years to write. Keep the faith, no matter how alone one may feel at challenging times in one's life.*
4. *All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If things are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either. God is always there at your side.*
5. *Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold. As it is, to hold a Diamond you always need a base of Gold.*
6. *Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says to us, "Relax, it's just a bend not the end!"*
7. *When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities. Stand firm this Lent. We all need the grace to overcome our challenges.*
8. *When we pray for others, God listens to us and blesses them; so, sometimes when we are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for us.*
9. *Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace. Enjoy the moment that God offers us. Knowing that the Lord of all creation, who considers us so important, can strengthen us in the battle against temptation.*



*Have a peaceful season of Lent.
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