Friday Evening Prayer Reflection, Deb Brown-Norko
Luke 18: 15-17

• “Receive the kingdom as a little child.”
• An attitude of trust only occurs within relationship.
• In order to trust God, one must have a healthy relationship with God. This relationship is a gift and a promise from our baptism and is the ground of all relationships. We must make a conscious effort at improving our relationship with God.
• Spiritual maturity is the recognition of the greatness of God, the humble appreciation of our own littleness, and the realization of our absolute need to trust God.

Recommended Reading: *The Way of Trust and Love* by Jacques Phillipe.

Saturday Morning Prayer Reflection, Fr. Terry Kristofak, CP
Eph 3: 12-21

• The reading from Ephesians reminds us that God lives in us.
• We begin this retreat day looking for better perspective of trust.
• In order to trust someone, we need to listen.

Recommended Reading: *Praying the Truth* by William Barry, S.J.

Saturday Morning Conference, Liza Peters

• From infancy to 18 months, human beings are in the psychosocial stage of trust vs. mistrust.
• If our primary caregiver is consistent, reliable, predictable, we develop a healthy sense of trust.
• This early sense of trust begins a foundation of trust in others throughout our lives.
• God is the eternal Parent, and we come to trust God because God keeps God’s promises.
• Noah, Abraham, Moses, Mary, Jesus – God made covenants with them. God was steadfast with them.

Recommended Reading: *Come Be My Light* by St. Mother Teresa

Reconciliation Service Reflection, Sr. Maryann Cantlon, CSJ
Luke 18: 9-14

• The Pharisee trusts in his own righteousness.
• The tax collector trusts in God’s mercy.
• The listeners recognize that God is the only source of our strength.

Recommended Reading: *Sacred Fire* by Ronald Rolheiser
Saturday Evening Mass, Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

- Job and Mary had ultimate trust in God
- Not a passive trust, not a submissive trust, but a faithful trust
- Job asks to speak to God and plead his case but accepts God's response
- Mary says yes to God's request but no to structures that limit God's call
- Both are confident in God's trustworthiness

Saturday Evening Prayer, Deb Brown-Norko
John 11:17-27

- “What is your theology, i.e., what is your understanding of God?”?
- Can YOU trust God?
- God, who’s power is love, intimately knows and feels our pain.
- The Cross is the ultimate symbol of our trust in God.

Recommended Reading: 99 Names of God by David Steindl-Rast and When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold Kushner

Sunday Morning Prayer Reflection, Sr. Maryann Cantlon, CSJ
Matthew 2: 13-15

- Joseph trusts in God completely

Sunday Morning Conference, Noel Terranova

- Trust in God does not mean giving up our free will, our need to make a plan.
- If we trust like a child, we can leap into God’s arms.
- Trust in what is difficult.
- Trust is belief in the mercy of God.
- It is not enough for us to gain trust in God; we must be people who inspire trust in the world.
  o Seek first to understand
  o Be reliable
  o Offer mercy

Recommended Reading: Ruthless Trust by Brennan Manning