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Fr. Steven Hoffman- Praying with Persistence and Devotion to Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Prayer is more than just thinking, it is our whole self that prays

* Need to pray at all times, at least daily
* Struggle is the persistence, we need encouragement to pray everyday

1. We desire to be like Jesus, Jesus went off to pray, we pray to know that we are Sons of God, it keeps us open to God’s love, which becomes the source of our stability

2. Prayer opens us to God’s merciful love, helps to respond from a place of grace

3. Prayer keeps us connected to God as a source of strength

4. Prayer helps us be transformed in Christ, through Him, with Him, in Him

Joseph and Mary examples of holiness

* Joseph surrenders his will to God, as we must
* Mary is a gift to us as a mother
* Mary guides us through the mysteries of the rosary to be men more like Christ
* Reflections on the rosary which gives us that encouragement on the road to Holiness

Reflection Questions

1. How was your summer? What was a great blessing? What was a challenge?
2. What was a take away from the video for you?
3. How can you be more persistent in your prayer life? Do have a strategy that helps you persevere in prayer?