

Scripture Reflection



In a recent conversation, a friend said to me, “Honestly though, I dunno if that’s weird to say, but I 100% talk to Jesus and Mary like they’re my bros, and people tell me that’s weird, but that’s the only way praying is ever gonna work for me.” The Author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that my friend is not “weird” but that this is a level of prayer and relationship that we are all called to have with God.

Yes, God is our Lord, but He is also our brother. Jesus knows our struggles, our urges, and our frustrations. He experienced them all as the “one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.” Keeping that in mind, we should all strive to have regular and frank conversations with the Lord, bringing Him not only our praise and joy but also our frustrations and concerns. When we have those frank conversations with God, we acknowledge His presence, power, and love in our lives. So don’t feel bad talking plainly to God, and never feel bad telling God that you do not understand the why or the how the things going on in your life can be part of His plan. Ultimately, we should foster that friendship with God so that when our earthly life is done, like Ignatius Peverell, we can greet Him “as an old friend.”