Lunchtime EXAMEN

SESSION #1

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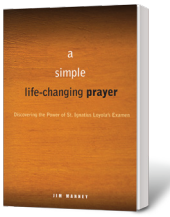
Lunchtime Examen: Session 1: Why is this a good way to pray?

Some people find it helpful to journal about what's happening in their prayer life. To help you do that and to extend the Lunchtime Examen experience beyond the time spent at the computer, we provide this weekly journal page for you.

The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

1. **Ask God for light.** I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.
2. **Give thanks.** The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.
3. **Review the day.** I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.
4. **Face your shortcomings.** I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.
5. **Look toward the day to come.** I ask where I need God in the day to come.



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