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Through the month of January, Pope Leo XIV is encouraging the faithful to pray with the Word of God.

In a video released last week, the Holy Father said he is praying “that we may learn, practice, and love praying with the Word of God.”

“The gift of Scripture is God’s love letter to humankind,” he said. “Let’s pray that we all draw from this gift and get to know Our Lord.”

The Holy Father is encouraging people to sit with Scripture daily, to let God speak to them, to be challenged by His voice, and to discern their decisions from a closeness to His heart.

The Pope's call echoes a call from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which implores all the faithful to be knowledgeable of Scripture, as a way of knowing and hearing the Word of God.

***“The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful... to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” - CCC 133***

The Pope's January prayer intention was accompanied by a new “Pray with the Pope” which seeks to unite the Church behind the Holy Father’s daily prayer.

In our world filled with war, hatred and sorrow, prayer and intimacy with the Word of God are powerful tools for promoting peace and charity.