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ANGLICAN CHURCH

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# INTRODUCTION

## **Why did we make this book?**

This book is a simplified form of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which has guided Anglicans in rhythms of daily devotion for centuries. We draw from this rich BCP tradition every Sunday at Restoration. But what happens in a few hours on Sundays is only one small part of how we grow as disciples of Jesus.

What happens around our breakfast and dinner tables, at our desks, and before we fall asleep each night has far more potential to strengthen our faith in profound ways. The BCP was created for just this purpose: to weave Scripture, praise, repentance, forgiveness, truth, and beauty into the fabric of our days through simple rhythms of prayer.

These prayers are called "common" because they are held in common with people from many cultures around the world and through the centuries. With practice, they become a commonplace part of our everyday lives, building habits of worship in the mundane moments of each day.

For many, the BCP feels anything but common. Most of us are accustomed to extemporaneous prayer that flows from our thoughts and feelings. Following a scripted format can at first feel controlling or stoic, but these daily scripted rituals have shaped Christians for centuries and provide a helpful framework of worshiping God, especially when we don't *feel* like it. Our hope is that this simplified BCP booklet will help guide you in daily worship of our God.

## **What is the Christian Year?**

At Restoration, we long to see broken people being restored by grace and finding their place in God's story. One way we do this is to inhabit that story through the way we order time. For centuries, the church has followed a calendar called the Christian Year (also called the Church Year or Liturgical Year) as a way of orienting our sense of time around God's redemptive story. The Israelites

followed an annual cycle of feasts and remembrances that recounted the story of God's faithfulness to them again and again, year after year. It sanctified their experience of time and set them apart as a holy people.

The Christian Year invites us to a similar rhythm of remembrance. It reminds us that our faith is not some vague, spiritual notion that happens outside of time; instead, it is a daily, lived, embodied set-apartness whereby we mark our days and weeks and months by the story of God's rescue. The God who set the stars in their courses, putting all of time in motion, is the same God who has entered in and redeemed life for his people, inviting us into a very different seasonal rhythm than the world around us.

The Christian year begins with a celebration of God's miraculous incarnation in the person of Jesus, which we remember in the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. From there, we proceed through Lent, Easter and Pentecost, retelling the stories of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension, culminating in his sending the Holy Spirit and founding his church.

Finally, from Pentecost until Advent, we live the longest season of the Christian Year called Ordinary Time. Having just relived the drama of God's saving work, we are equipped to live it out in all the ordinary moments of our daily lives as members of his church.

## **How do I use this book?**

This book is organized chronologically through the Christian year. For each season, we have provided a daily Scripture reading plan drawn from the Book of Common Prayer called the lectionary. It reads through the Psalms every two months and through nearly the entire Bible in two years. On occasion, gaps may seem to appear in the lesson readings. We have chosen not to include the Apocrypha readings in this book, though they could certainly be supplemental readings as they are listed in the BCP.

Each prayer time ends with a scripted prayer called a "collect," a traditional Anglican prayer format that first calls on God, next asks him to do something, then concludes with praise. Over the years,

Anglicans have composed collects for all sorts of occasions. We can think of them as prayers that "collect" the hopes and desires of the church throughout the ages. In this booklet, we insert a new collect for each liturgical season, or during ordinary time, for each month.

At the back of this booklet, you'll find a list of Restoration's outreach partners. We have 23 this year, and our hope is that you'll take time to pray for one each day. You could pray for each of them within the first 23 days of a month, and then pray for other needs the Lord draws you to for that final week each month. Just a thought!

Some daily readings have an (\*) following the date, and the assigned reading seems out of order. These are feast days. Just below the readings, you'll find a collect for the matching date, often celebrating the life of a saint. We are not worshipping the saints, but we are celebrating the work of God in their lives and asking God to do the same in us. It's another way of entering fully into Scripture and the work of God through human beings, like us, for his kingdom purposes.

At the end of each season or month, there is a reflection guide. When we take time to notice God's movement in our lives, we become more aware of those movements in the present.

As you embark on this daily prayer journey, we encourage you to keep a mindset of relaxed grace. Grace as you begin rhythms that may feel new; grace for the ways you might pray differently from others; and grace for the inevitable times that you fall behind in daily readings or only manage one prayer time in a given day or week. The prayer book was always intended to be used by ordinary people like us, steeping us in his grace and forming us into the people God has created us to be.

# ADVENT

**December 3 – 24, 2023**

The word “advent” means “coming.” Advent is a four-week season of penitence and preparation, of watching and waiting. We remember when God came to earth two thousand years ago in human flesh as a vulnerable infant, and we look forward to his final return.

There is a tension in this season of the now and not yet. We live in the hope of a risen Christ, and yet, not all has been redeemed. There is a groaning and longing for all things to be renewed. The sanctuary will be darker than usual, and each week, we will light a candle in the Advent wreath, looking for Christ’s light breaking forth in the darkness of this world.

Many lectionary readings in this season often speak of God’s judgment and justice. As Rev. Fleming Rutledge writes in her book, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*:

The word translated ‘justice’ and ‘righteousness’ is the same word in Hebrew and in Greek...The Christian hope is founded in the promise of God that all things will be made new according to his righteousness. All the references to judgment in the Bible should be understood in the context of God’s righteousness – not just his being righteous but his ‘making right’ all that has been wrong.

Advent ends on Christmas Eve.

# DAILY PRAYER - ADVENT

## **Opening Scripture**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

- Isaiah 40:3

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| Day    | Date     | Lesson                 | Psalms       |
|--------|----------|------------------------|--------------|
| Sun.   | Dec. 3   | Acts 25:13- <i>end</i> | 84           |
| Mon.   | Dec. 4   | Acts 26                | 86, 87       |
| Tues.  | Dec. 5   | Acts 27                | 89           |
| Wed.   | Dec. 6   | Acts 28:1-15           | 90           |
| Thurs. | Dec. 7   | Acts 28:16- <i>end</i> | 92, 93       |
| Fri.   | Dec. 8   | Rev 1                  | 95, 96       |
| Sat.   | Dec. 9   | Rev 2:1-17             | 99, 100, 101 |
| Sun.   | Dec. 10  | Rev 2:18—3:6           | 103          |
| Mon.   | Dec. 11  | Rev 3:7- <i>end</i>    | 105          |
| Tues.  | Dec. 12  | Rev 4                  | 106          |
| Wed.   | Dec. 13  | Rev 5                  | 107          |
| Thurs. | Dec. 14  | Rev 6                  | 108, 110     |
| Fri.   | Dec. 15  | Rev 7                  | 111, 112     |
| Sat.   | Dec. 16  | Rev 8                  | 115          |
| Sun.   | Dec. 17  | Rev 9                  | 119:1-24     |
| Mon.   | Dec. 18  | Rev 10                 | 119:49-72    |
| Tues.  | Dec. 19  | Rev 11                 | 119:89-104   |
| Wed.   | Dec. 20  | Rev 12                 | 119:129-152  |
| Thurs. | Dec. 21* | Rev 13, John 14:1-7    | 118          |
| Fri.   | Dec. 22  | Rev 14                 | 122, 123     |
| Sat.   | Dec. 23  | Rev 15                 | 127, 128     |
| Sun.   | Dec. 24* | Rev 16                 | 132, 133     |

### **December 21, Saint Thomas**

Everliving God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **December 24, Christmas Eve**

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



## REFLECTION

As you look back over Advent...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

As you look ahead to today and the month to come, what are you most desiring? What are you longing for, needing the most from God?

*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024

All the hopeful longing of Advent culminates on Christmas Day, when we celebrate the birth of our long-awaited Savior, Jesus Christ. Finally, we begin to sing Christmas carols on Sunday mornings! The joyful, light-filled Christmas season lasts just 12 days, ending on January 5, the eve before Epiphany.

# DAILY PRAYER – CHRISTMAS

## Opening Scripture

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

- Luke 2:10-11

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your “daily bread” needs, for this day’s corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me; for I cannot seek you unless you show me how, and I will never find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. Amen.

- Anselm of Canterbury

| Day    | Date                  | Lesson 1              | Lesson 2       | Psalm  |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|
| Mon.   | Dec. 25*<br>Christmas | Isa 9:1-7             | Rev 17         | 19, 45 |
| Tues.  | Dec. 26*              | Acts 6:8-7 <i>end</i> | Rev 18         | 136    |
| Wed.   | Dec. 27*              | Rev 19                | John 21:9-25   | 139    |
| Thurs. | Dec. 28*              | Jer 31:1-17           | Rev 20         | 140    |
| Fri.   | Dec. 29               |                       | Rev 21:1-14    | 144    |
| Sat.   | Dec. 30               |                       | Rev 21:15–22:5 | 146    |
| Sun.   | Dec. 31               |                       | Rev 22:6-end   | 148    |
| Mon.   | Jan. 1*               | Gal 1                 | Luke 2:8-21    | 3, 4   |
| Tues.  | Jan. 2                | Jer 1                 | Gal 2          | 7      |
| Wed.   | Jan. 3                | Jer 2                 | Gal 3          | 10     |
| Thurs. | Jan. 4                | Jer 3                 | Gal 4          | 15, 16 |
| Fri.   | Jan. 5                | Jer 4                 | Gal 5          | 17     |

### **December 25, Christmas**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **December 26, Saint Stephen**

O Glorious Lord, your servant Stephen looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors: Grant that in all our sufferings here upon earth we may love and forgive our enemies, looking steadfastly to Jesus Christ our Lord, who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **December 27, Saint John the Evangelist**

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**December 28, The Holy Innocents**

Almighty God, out of the mouths of children you manifest your truth, and by the death of the Holy Innocents at the hands of evil tyrants you show your strength in our weakness: We ask you to mortify all that is evil within us, and so strengthen us by your grace, that we may glorify your holy Name by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died for us and now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

**January 1, The Circumcision and Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

During the Christmas season...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

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When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

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*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# EPIPHANY

January 6 – February 13, 2024

Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance.” It begins on January 6 as we remember the arrival of the three Magi meeting the infant Messiah. The arrival of these Gentile wisemen represents the revelation of Jesus not only to the Jews but to the entire world.

God's rescue plan is bigger than anyone expected, and he is drawing worshippers from all the nations of the world. Because the Magi visited Jesus' dwelling, Epiphany is also the traditional time for a home blessing, asking God to make our homes places of welcome and worship for all who visit.

Epiphany is traditionally thought of as a season of light. God's light guiding the wisemen to the infant Jesus, and Christ, as the light of the world.





# DAILY PRAYER – EPIPHANY

## Opening Scripture

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

- Malachi 1:11

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>           | <b>Psalm</b> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Sat.       | Jan. 6*     | Jer 5           | John 2:1-12               | 67, 72       |
| Sun.       | Jan. 7      | Jer 6           | Gal 6                     | 18           |
| Mon.       | Jan. 8      | Jer 7           | 1 Thess 1                 | 20, 21       |
| Tues.      | Jan. 9      | Jer 8           | 1 Thess 2:1-16            | 23, 24       |
| Wed.       | Jan. 10     | Jer 9           | 1 Thess 2:17–3 <i>end</i> | 27           |
| Thurs.     | Jan. 11     | Jer 10          | 1 Thess 4:1-12            | 31           |
| Fri.       | Jan. 12     | Jer 11          | 1 Thess 4:13–5:11         | 33           |
| Sat.       | Jan. 13     | Jer 12          | 1 Thess 5:12- <i>end</i>  | 35           |
| Sun.       | Jan. 14     | Jer 13          | 2 Thess 1                 | 38           |
| Mon.       | Jan. 15     | Jer 14          | 2 Thess 2                 | 37           |
| Tues.      | Jan. 16     | Jer 15          | 2 Thess 3                 | 39, 41       |
| Wed.       | Jan. 17     | Jer 16          | 1 Cor 1:1-25              | 44           |
| Thurs.     | Jan. 18*    | Jer 17          | 1 Cor 1:26–2 <i>end</i>   | 46           |
| Fri.       | Jan. 19     | Jer 18          | 1 Cor 3                   | 49           |
| Sat.       | Jan. 20     | Jer 19          | 1 Cor 4:1-17              | 51           |
| Sun.       | Jan. 21     | Jer 20          | 1 Cor 4:18–5 <i>end</i>   | 55           |
| Mon.       | Jan. 22     | Jer 21          | 1 Cor 6                   | 58, 60       |
| Tues.      | Jan. 23     | Jer 22          | 1 Cor 7                   | 63, 64       |
| Wed.       | Jan. 24     | Jer 23          | 1 Cor 8                   | 65, 67       |
| Thurs.     | Jan. 25*    | Jer 24          | 1 Cor 9                   | 68           |
| Fri.       | Jan. 26     | Jer 25          | 1 Cor 10                  | 69           |
| Sat.       | Jan. 27     | Jer 26          | 1 Cor 11                  | 70, 72       |
| Sun.       | Jan. 28     | Jer 27          | 1 Cor 12                  | 73           |
| Mon.       | Jan. 29     | Jer 28          | 1 Cor 13                  | 77           |
| Tues.      | Jan. 30     | Jer 29          | 1 Cor 14:1-19             | 79, 82       |
| Wed.       | Jan. 31     | Jer 30          | 1 Cor 14:20- <i>end</i>   | 78           |
| Thurs.     | Feb. 1      | Jer 31          | 1 Cor 15:1-34             | 80           |
| Fri.       | Feb. 2*     | Jer 32          | 1 Cor 15:35- <i>end</i>   | 84           |
| Sat.       | Feb. 3      | Jer 33          | 1 Cor 16                  | 85           |
| Sun.       | Feb. 4      | Jer 34          | 2 Cor 1:1–2:11            | 88           |
| Mon.       | Feb. 5      | Jer 35          | 2 Cor 2:12–3 <i>end</i>   | 89           |
| Tues.      | Feb. 6      | Jer 36          | 2 Cor 4                   | 91           |

|        |         |        |          |        |
|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| Wed.   | Feb. 7  | Jer 37 | 2 Cor 5  | 94     |
| Thurs. | Feb. 8  | Jer 38 | 2 Cor 6  | 97, 98 |
| Fri.   | Feb. 9  | Jer 39 | 2 Cor 7  | 102    |
| Sat.   | Feb. 10 | Jer 40 | 2 Cor 8  | 104    |
| Sun.   | Feb. 11 | Jer 41 | 2 Cor 9  | 105    |
| Mon.   | Feb. 12 | Jer 42 | 2 Cor 10 | 106    |
| Tues.  | Feb. 13 | Jer 43 | 2 Cor 11 | 107    |

### **January 6, Epiphany**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **January 18, Confession of Saint Peter**

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **January 25, Conversion of Saint Paul**

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, we may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **February 2, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

During Epiphany...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

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*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# LENT

February 14 – March 30, 2024

Lent is a 40-day season devoted to fasting, repentance and self-examination. It begins on Ash Wednesday, the day we humble ourselves before the God who formed us from dust. We receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead as a visible reminder of our sin and mortality. Traditionally, the ashes come from the burning of palm branches at the previous year's Easter Vigil. These ashes remind us of our Palm Sunday palm branch waving and cries of "Hosanna," our longing for a savior.

Many people engage with this season by fasting, choosing to say no to something that may temporarily fill a need in us so that we can say yes to God in a more intentional way. As a congregation, we fast from the word "alleluia" so that our worship is marked by a somber longing.

Lent culminates in **Holy Week**, which begins on Palm Sunday. We reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey in fulfillment of prophecy by waving palms and crying "Hosanna!" We proceed through Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday in quiet reverence.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' last supper and the washing of his disciples' feet. At the end of a special foot-washing service at church, we strip the communion table of its beauty, cover the cross, and extinguish all light in the sanctuary.

On Good Friday, we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We mark the hours of the day by praying the Stations of the Cross, nailing our sins to the giant cross in our sanctuary, and with an evening of reflections on the seven last words of Jesus as he hung on the cross.

On Holy Saturday, we remember Jesus' three days in the tomb. Late that night, we build a fire outside the church, take our sins down from the cross and throw them into the fire. We light the Paschal candle from the fire and process it through the darkened sanctuary, gradually adding light in the room as we retell the story

of God's salvation through all of human history. As midnight approaches, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and sing with joy, ringing our bells and shouting the first "alleluias" of Easter, thus ending our Lenten season.

# DAILY PRAYER – LENT

## Opening Scripture

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. - Mark 8:34

**For Holy Week:** Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger. - Lamentations 1:12

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.  
Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is error, truth; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may seek not so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

- In the Tradition of Francis of Assisi

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b>         | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>           | <b>Psalm</b>  |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Wed.       | Feb. 14*<br>Ash Wed | Jer 44          | 2 Cor 12:1-13             | 109           |
| Thurs.     | Feb. 15             | Jer 45          | 2 Cor 12:14–13 <i>end</i> | 113, 114      |
| Fri.       | Feb. 16             | Jer 46          | Rom 1                     | 116, 117      |
| Sat.       | Feb. 17             | Jer 47          | Rom 2                     | 119:25-48     |
| Sun.       | Feb. 18             | Jer 48          | Rom 3                     | 119:73-88     |
| Mon.       | Feb. 19             | Jer 49          | Rom 4                     | 119:105-128   |
| Tues.      | Feb. 20             | Jer 50          | Rom 5                     | 119:153-176   |
| Wed.       | Feb. 21             | Jer 51          | Rom 6                     | 120, 121      |
| Thurs.     | Feb. 22             | Jer 52          | Rom 7                     | 124, 125, 126 |
| Fri.       | Feb. 23             |                 | Rom 8:1-17                | 129, 130, 131 |
| Sat.       | Feb. 24*            |                 | Rom 8:18- <i>end</i>      | 134, 135      |
| Sun.       | Feb. 25             | Lam 1           | Rom 9                     | 137, 138      |
| Mon.       | Feb. 26             | Lam 2           | Rom 10                    | 141, 142      |
| Tues.      | Feb. 27             | Lam 3           | Rom 11                    | 143           |
| Wed.       | Feb. 28             | Lam 4           | Rom 12                    | 145           |
| Thurs.     | Feb. 29             | Joel 2          | 2 Pet 3                   | 104           |
| Fri.       | Mar. 1              | Lam 5           | Rom 13                    | 147           |
| Sat.       | Mar. 2              | Prov 1          | Rom 14                    | 149, 150      |
| Sun.       | Mar. 3              | Prov 2          | Rom 15                    | 3, 4          |
| Mon.       | Mar. 4              | Prov 3          | Rom 16                    | 7             |
| Tues.      | Mar. 5              | Prov 4          | Phil 1:1-11               | 10            |
| Wed.       | Mar. 6              | Prov 5          | Phil 1:12- <i>end</i>     | 15, 16        |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 7              | Prov 6          | Phil 2:1-11               | 17            |
| Fri.       | Mar. 8              | Prov 7          | Phil 2:12- <i>end</i>     | 18            |
| Sat.       | Mar. 9              | Prov 8          | Phil 3                    | 20, 21        |
| Sun.       | Mar. 10             | Prov 9          | Phil 4                    | 23, 24        |
| Mon.       | Mar. 11             | Prov 10         | Col 1:1-20                | 27            |
| Tues.      | Mar. 12             | Prov 11         | Col 1:21–2:7              | 31            |
| Wed.       | Mar. 13             | Prov 12         | Col 2:8-19                | 33            |
| Thurs.     | Mar. 14             | Prov 13         | Col 2:20–3:11             | 35            |
| Fri.       | Mar. 15             | Prov 14         | Col 3:12- <i>end</i>      | 38            |
| Sat.       | Mar. 16             | Prov 15         | Col 4                     | 37            |



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|--------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Sun.   | Mar. 17                        | Prov 16              | Philemon              | 39, 41   |
| Mon.   | Mar. 18                        | Prov 17              | Eph 1:1-14            | 44       |
| Tues.  | Mar. 19*                       | Eph 1:15- <i>end</i> | Matt 1:18- <i>end</i> | 46       |
| Wed.   | Mar. 20                        | Prov 18              | Eph 2:1-10            | 49       |
| Thurs. | Mar. 21                        | Prov 19              | Eph 2:11- <i>end</i>  | 51       |
| Fri.   | Mar. 22                        | Prov 20              | Eph 3                 | 55       |
| Sat.   | Mar. 23                        | Prov 21              | Eph 4:1-16            | 58, 60   |
| Sun.   | Mar. 24                        | Prov 22              | Eph 4:17- <i>end</i>  | 63, 64   |
| Mon.   | Mar. 25*                       | Prov 23              | Eph 5:1-17            | 131, 132 |
| Tues.  | Mar. 26                        | Prov 24              | Eph 5:18- <i>end</i>  | 65, 67   |
| Wed.   | Mar. 27                        | Prov 25              | Eph 6:1-9             | 68       |
| Thurs. | Mar. 28*<br>Maundy<br>Thursday | 1 Cor 10:<br>1-22    | John 13:21-38         | 41       |
| Fri.   | Mar. 29*<br>Good<br>Friday     | 1 Pet<br>2:11-25     | Luke 23:18-49         | 40       |
| Sat.   | Mar. 30*<br>Holy<br>Saturday   | 1 Pet 4:1-<br>8      | Luke 23:50-56         | 88       |

### February 14, Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### February 24, Saint Matthias

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**March 19, Saint Joseph**

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**March 25, The Annunciation**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**March 28, Maundy Thursday**

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**March 29, Good Friday**

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**March 30, Holy Saturday**

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## REFLECTION

During Lent...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

As you look ahead to today and the month to come, what are you most desiring? What are you longing for, needing the most from God?

*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# EASTER

March 31 – May 19, 2024

Easter is a time of exuberant joy as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death through his resurrection. Ascension Day, toward the end of this season, marks Jesus' ascension into heaven on the Mount of Olives, leaving his bewildered disciples awaiting the arrival of the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who Jesus had promised them.

This season concludes with Pentecost, which celebrates the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit like a tongue of fire during the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, shortly after Jesus had ascended to heaven. On Pentecost, people from many languages and ethnic groups were gathered together in Jerusalem, and thousands of them believed in Jesus after hearing Peter preach to them miraculously in their own languages. In this season, we celebrate the origin of the church and the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit who God has generously given to us for the advancing of his kingdom.

# DAILY PRAYER – EASTER

## Opening Scripture

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

- Colossians 3:1

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me, and all the benefits thou hast given me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother: Grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

- Richard of Chichester

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b>        | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>       | <b>Psalm</b>  |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Sun.       | Mar. 31*<br>Easter | Rom 6           | Luke 24:13-43         | 111, 113, 114 |
| Mon.       | Apr. 1             | Prov 30         | 1 Tim 4               | 79, 82        |
| Tues.      | Apr. 2             | Prov 31         | 1 Tim 5               | 78            |
| Wed.       | Apr. 3             | Job 1           | 1 Tim 6               | 80            |
| Thurs.     | Apr. 4             | Job 2           | Titus 1               | 83            |
| Fri.       | Apr. 5             | Job 3           | Titus 2               | 85            |
| Sat.       | Apr. 6             | Job 4           | Titus 3               | 88            |
| Sun.       | Apr. 7             | Job 5           | 2 Tim 1               | 89            |
| Mon.       | Apr. 8             | Job 6           | 2 Tim 2               | 91            |
| Tues.      | Apr. 9             | Job 7           | 2 Tim 3               | 94            |
| Wed.       | Apr. 10            | Job 8           | 2 Tim 4               | 97, 98        |
| Thurs.     | Apr. 11            | Job 9           | Heb 1                 | 102           |
| Fri.       | Apr. 12            | Job 10          | Heb 2                 | 104           |
| Sat.       | Apr. 13            | Job 11          | Heb 3                 | 105           |
| Sun.       | Apr. 14            | Job 12          | Heb 4:1-13            | 106           |
| Mon.       | Apr. 15            | Job 13          | Heb 4:14–5:10         | 107           |
| Tues.      | Apr. 16            | Job 14          | Heb 5:11–6 <i>end</i> | 109           |
| Wed.       | Apr. 17            | Job 15          | Heb 7                 | 113, 114      |
| Thurs.     | Apr. 18            | Job 16          | Heb 8                 | 116, 117      |
| Fri.       | Apr. 19            | Job 17          | Heb 9:1-14            | 119:25-48     |
| Sat.       | Apr. 20            | Job 18          | Heb 9:15- <i>end</i>  | 119:73-88     |
| Sun.       | Apr. 21            | Job 19          | Heb 10:1-18           | 119:105-128   |
| Mon.       | Apr. 22            | Job 20          | Heb 10:19- <i>end</i> | 119:153-176   |
| Tues.      | Apr. 23            | Job 21          | Heb 11                | 120, 121      |
| Wed.       | Apr. 24            | Job 22          | Heb 12:1-17           | 124, 125, 126 |
| Thurs.     | Apr. 25*           | Job 23          | Heb 12:18- <i>end</i> | 129, 130, 131 |
| Fri.       | Apr. 26            | Job 24          | Heb 13                | 134, 135      |
| Sat.       | Apr. 27            | Job 25 & 26     | Jas 1                 | 137, 138      |
| Sun.       | Apr. 28            | Job 27          | Jas 2:1-13            | 141, 142      |
| Mon.       | Apr. 29            | Job 28          | Jas 2:14- <i>end</i>  | 143           |
| Tues.      | Apr. 30            | Job 29          | Jas 3                 | 145           |
| Wed.       | May 1*             | Jas 4           | John 1:43- <i>end</i> | 147           |

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|--------|---------|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Thurs. | May 2   | Job 30 | Jas 5           | 149, 150 |
| Fri.   | May 3   | Job 31 | 1 Pet 1:1-21    | 3, 4     |
| Sat.   | May 4   | Job 32 | 1 Pet 1:22–2:10 | 7        |
| Sun.   | May 5   | Job 33 | 1 Pet 2:11–3:7  | 10       |
| Mon.   | May 6   | Job 34 | 1 Pet 3:8–4:6   | 15, 16   |
| Tues.  | May 7   | Job 35 | 1 Pet 4:7-end   | 17       |
| Wed.   | May 8   | Job 36 | 1 Pet 5         | 18       |
| Thurs. | May 9*  | Heb 8  | Luke 24:44-53   | 21, 24   |
| Fri.   | May 10  | Job 38 | 2 Pet 2         | 23, 24   |
| Sat.   | May 11  | Job 39 | 2 Pet 3         | 27       |
| Sun.   | May 12  | Job 40 | Jude            | 31       |
| Mon.   | May 13  | Job 41 | 1 John 1:1–2:6  | 33       |
| Tues.  | May 14  | Job 42 | 1 John 2:7-end  | 35       |
| Wed.   | May 15  | Eccl 1 | 1 John 3:1-10   | 38       |
| Thurs. | May 16  | Eccl 2 | 1 John 3:11–4:6 | 37       |
| Fri.   | May 17  | Eccl 3 | 1 John 4:7-end  | 39, 41   |
| Sat.   | May 18  | Eccl 4 | 1 John 5        | 44       |
| Sun.   | May 19* | Acts 2 | Acts 10:34-end  | 145      |

### March 31, Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### April 25, Saint Mark

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ: We thank you for his witness, and pray that you will give us grace to know the truth, and not to be carried about by every wind of false doctrine, that we may know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**May 1, Saint Philip and Saint James**

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James the grace and strength to bear witness to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**May 9, Ascension Day**

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**May 19, Pentecost**

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## REFLECTION

During this Easter season...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

As you look ahead to today and the month to come, what are you most desiring? What are you longing for, needing the most from God?

*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# ORDINARY TIME

May 20 – November 30, 2024

Though we all experience moments of transcendence and deep spiritual meaning, most of life is lived in the in-between spaces of ordinary life. The Christian Year is no different; its longest season is Ordinary Time which stretches from Pentecost until Advent begins.

We enter Ordinary Time each year having relived the highs and lows of our faith: the birth of the long-awaited Messiah; the revelation of God's salvation for all peoples; the teaching, miracles, and humble service of Jesus; his agonizing death for our sins, and his triumphant empty tomb; and the pouring out of his Holy Spirit to empower the church for its mission in the world. Having remembered these stories in Scripture, prayer and worship, we are equipped to step out into the world as his redeemed people, joining him in his mission of renewing the world. But much of this mission is lived out in mundane ways, as God seeks to renew our own hearts through all the quiet, invisible moments that make up our days.

Ordinary time calls us to ordinary faithfulness in our own lives. This season is not a pause in God's redemptive story; it is a key element in his redemption of each of us and every part of our lives. In her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Rev. Tish Harrison Warren captures this season so well, "The new life into which we are baptized is lived out in days, hours, and minutes. God is forming us into a new people. And the place of that formation is in the small moments of today."

# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – MAY

## **Opening Scripture**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

- Revelation 4:8

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>       | <b>Psalm</b> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mon.       | May 20      | Eccl 6          | 3 John                | 49           |
| Tues.      | May 21      | Eccl 7          | Acts 1:1-14           | 51           |
| Wed.       | May 22      | Eccl 8          | Acts 1:15- <i>end</i> | 55           |
| Thurs.     | May 23      | Eccl 9          | Acts 2:1-21           | 58, 60       |
| Fri.       | May 24      | Eccl 10         | Acts 2:22- <i>end</i> | 63, 64       |
| Sat.       | May 25      | Eccl 11         | Acts 3:1–4:4          | 65, 67       |
| Sun.       | May 26      | Eccl 12         | Acts 4:5-31           | 68           |
| Mon.       | May 27      | Ezek 1          | Acts 4:32–5:11        | 69           |
| Tues.      | May 28      | Ezek 2          | Acts 5:12- <i>end</i> | 70, 72       |
| Wed.       | May 29      | Ezek 3          | Acts 6:1–7:16         | 73           |
| Thurs.     | May 30      | Ezek 4          | Acts 7:17-34          | 77           |
| Fri.       | May 31*     | Ezek 5          | Acts 7:35–8:3         | 79, 82       |

### **May 31, The Visitation**

Almighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with the blessed Virgin Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: Look with favor on your lowly servants, that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy Name and rejoice to acclaim her Son as our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

During these last few weeks of May...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

As you look ahead to today and the month to come, what are you most desiring? What are you longing for, needing the most from God?

*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*



# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – JUNE

## Opening Scripture

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

- Proverbs 3:9-10

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will. Amen.

- Joseph Mercier

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>        | <b>Psalm</b>  |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Sat.       | June 1      | Ezek 6          | Acts 8:4-25            | 78            |
| Sun.       | June 2      | Ezek 7          | Acts 8:26- <i>end</i>  | 80            |
| Mon.       | June 3      | Ezek 8          | Acts 9:1-31            | 83            |
| Tues.      | June 4      | Ezek 9          | Acts 9:32- <i>end</i>  | 85            |
| Wed.       | June 5      | Ezek 10         | Acts 10:1-23           | 88            |
| Thurs.     | June 6      | Ezek 11         | Acts 10:24- <i>end</i> | 89            |
| Fri.       | June 7      | Ezek 12         | Acts 11:1-18           | 91            |
| Sat.       | June 8      | Ezek 13         | Acts 11:19- <i>end</i> | 94            |
| Sun.       | June 9      | Ezek 14         | Acts 12:1-24           | 97, 98        |
| Mon.       | June 10     | Ezek 15         | Acts 12:25–13:12       | 102           |
| Tues.      | June 11*    | Ezek 16         | Acts 13:13-43          | 104           |
| Wed.       | June 12     | Ezek 17         | Acts 13:44–14:7        | 105           |
| Thurs.     | June 13     | Ezek 18         | Acts 14:8- <i>end</i>  | 106           |
| Fri.       | June 14     | Ezek 33         | Acts 15:1-21           | 107           |
| Sat.       | June 15     | Ezek 34         | Acts 15:22-35          | 109           |
| Sun.       | June 16     | Ezek 35         | Acts 15:36–16:5        | 113, 114      |
| Mon.       | June 17     | Ezek 36         | Acts 16:6- <i>end</i>  | 116, 117      |
| Tues.      | June 18     | Ezek 37         | Acts 17:1-15           | 119:25-48     |
| Wed.       | June 19     | Ezek 40         | Acts 17:16- <i>end</i> | 119:73-88     |
| Thurs.     | June 20     | Ezek 43         | Acts 18:1-23           | 119:105-128   |
| Fri.       | June 21     | Ezek 47         | Acts 18:24–19:7        | 119:153-176   |
| Sat.       | June 22     | Dan 1           | Acts 19:8-20           | 120, 121      |
| Sun.       | June 23     | Dan 2           | Acts 19:21- <i>end</i> | 124, 125, 126 |
| Mon.       | June 24*    | Dan 3           | Acts 20:1-16           | 129, 130, 131 |
| Tues.      | June 25     | Dan 4           | Acts 20:17- <i>end</i> | 134, 135      |
| Wed.       | June 26     | Dan 5           | Acts 21:1-16           | 137, 138      |
| Thurs.     | June 27     | Dan 6           | Acts 21:17-36          | 141, 142      |
| Fri.       | June 28     | Dan 7           | Acts 21:37–22:22       | 143           |
| Sat.       | June 29*    | Dan 8           | Acts 22:23–23:11       | 145           |
| Sun.       | June 30     | Dan 9           | Acts 23:12- <i>end</i> | 147           |



**June 11, Saint Barnabas**

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor, and went forth courageously in mission for the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**June 24, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, boldly rebuke vice, patiently suffer for the sake of truth, and proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**June 29, Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

In the last month...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

When have you felt closest to the Lord?

*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

As you look ahead to today and the month to come, what are you most desiring? What are you longing for, needing the most from God?

*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – JULY

## **Opening Scripture**

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

- Habakkuk 2:20

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your “daily bread” needs, for this day’s corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

O God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all. Amen.

- Julian of Norwich

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>         | <b>Psalm</b> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Mon.       | July 1      | Dan 10          | Acts 24:1-23            | 149, 150     |
| Tues.      | July 2      | Dan 11          | Acts 24:24–25:12        | 3, 4         |
| Wed.       | July 3      | Dan 12          | Acts 25:13- <i>end</i>  | 7            |
| Thurs.     | July 4      |                 | Acts 26                 | 10           |
| Fri.       | July 5      | Esth 1          | Acts 27                 | 15, 16       |
| Sat.       | July 6      | Esth 2          | Acts 28:1-15            | 17           |
| Sun.       | July 7      | Esth 3          | Acts 28:16- <i>end</i>  | 18           |
| Mon.       | July 8      | Esth 4          | Philemon                | 20, 21       |
| Tues.      | July 9      | Esth 5          | 1 Tim 1:1-17            | 23, 24       |
| Wed.       | July 10     | Esth 6          | 1 Tim 1:18–2 <i>end</i> | 27           |
| Thurs.     | July 11     | Esth 7          | 1 Tim 3                 | 31           |
| Fri.       | July 12     | Esth 8          | 1 Tim 4                 | 33           |
| Sat.       | July 13     | Esth 9 & 10     | 1 Tim 5                 | 35           |
| Sun.       | July 14     | Ezra 1          | 1 Tim 6                 | 38           |
| Mon.       | July 15     | Ezra 3          | Titus 1                 | 37           |
| Tues.      | July 16     | Ezra 4          | Titus 2                 | 39, 41       |
| Wed.       | July 17     | Ezra 5          | Titus 3                 | 44           |
| Thurs.     | July 18     | Ezra 6          | 2 Tim 1                 | 46           |
| Fri.       | July 19     | Ezra 7          | 2 Tim 2                 | 49           |
| Sat.       | July 20     | Ezra 8          | 2 Tim 3                 | 51           |
| Sun.       | July 21     | Ezra 9          | 2 Tim 4                 | 55           |
| Mon.       | July 22*    | Ezra 10         | John 1:1-28             | 58, 60       |
| Tues.      | July 23     | Neh 1           | John 1:29- <i>end</i>   | 63, 64       |
| Wed.       | July 24     | Neh 2           | John 2                  | 65, 67       |
| Thurs.     | July 25*    | Neh 3           | John 3:1-21             | 68:19-36     |
| Fri.       | July 26     | Neh 4           | John 3:22- <i>end</i>   | 69:19-37     |
| Sat.       | July 27     | Neh 5           | John 4:1-26             | 70, 72       |
| Sun.       | July 28     | Neh 6           | John 4:27- <i>end</i>   | 73           |
| Mon.       | July 29     | Neh 8           | John 5:1-24             | 77           |
| Tues.      | July 30     | Neh 9           | John 5:25- <i>end</i>   | 79, 82       |
| Wed.       | July 31     | Neh 10          | John 6:1-21             | 78           |

**July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that, by your grace, we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**July 25, Saint James**

O gracious God, your servant and apostle James was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ: Pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service, by which they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# REFLECTION

In the last month...

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*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

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*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST

## **Opening Scripture**

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling.

- Psalm 43:3

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pray for your “daily bread” needs, for this day’s corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

Gracious and holy Father, please give me intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you, ears to hear you, eyes to see you, a tongue to proclaim you, a way of life pleasing to you, patience to wait for you, and perseverance to look for you. Grant me a perfect end, your holy presence, a blessed resurrection, and life everlasting. Amen.

- Benedict of Nursia

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>        | <b>Psalm</b>  |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Thurs.     | Aug. 1      | Neh 12          | John 6:22-40           | 80            |
| Fri.       | Aug. 2      | Neh 13          | John 6:41- <i>end</i>  | 83            |
| Sat.       | Aug. 3      | Hos 1           | John 7:1-24            | 85            |
| Sun.       | Aug. 4      | Hos 2           | John 7:25-52           | 88            |
| Mon.       | Aug. 5      | Hos 3           | John 7:53–8:30         | 89            |
| Tues.      | Aug. 6*     | Hos 4           | John 8:31- <i>end</i>  | 80            |
| Wed.       | Aug. 7      | Hos 5           | John 9                 | 91            |
| Thurs.     | Aug. 8      | Hos 6           | John 10:1-21           | 94            |
| Fri.       | Aug. 9      | Hos 7           | John 10:22- <i>end</i> | 97, 98        |
| Sat.       | Aug. 10     | Hos 8           | John 11:1-44           | 102           |
| Sun.       | Aug. 11     | Hos 9           | John 11:45- <i>end</i> | 104           |
| Mon.       | Aug. 12     | Hos 10          | John 12:1-19           | 105           |
| Tues.      | Aug. 13     | Hos 11          | John 12:20- <i>end</i> | 106           |
| Wed.       | Aug. 14     | Hos 12          | John 13                | 107           |
| Thurs.     | Aug. 15*    | Hos 13          | John 14:1-14           | 109           |
| Fri.       | Aug. 16     | Hos 14          | John 14:15- <i>end</i> | 113, 114      |
| Sat.       | Aug. 17     | Joel 1          | John 15:1-17           | 116, 117      |
| Sun.       | Aug. 18     | Joel 2          | John 15:18- <i>end</i> | 119:25-48     |
| Mon.       | Aug. 19     | Joel 3          | John 16:1-15           | 119:73-88     |
| Tues.      | Aug. 20     | Amos 1          | John 16:16- <i>end</i> | 119:105-128   |
| Wed.       | Aug. 21     | Amos 2          | John 17                | 119:153-176   |
| Thurs.     | Aug. 22     | Amos 3          | John 18:1-27           | 120, 121      |
| Fri.       | Aug. 23     | Amos 4          | John 18:28- <i>end</i> | 124, 125, 126 |
| Sat.       | Aug. 24*    | Amos 5          | John 19:1-37           | 129, 130, 131 |
| Sun.       | Aug. 25     | Amos 6          | John 19:38- <i>end</i> | 134, 135      |
| Mon.       | Aug. 26     | Amos 7          | John 20                | 137, 138      |
| Tues.      | Aug. 27     | Amos 8          | John 21                | 141, 142      |
| Wed.       | Aug. 28     | Amos 9          | Matt 1:1-17            | 143           |
| Thurs.     | Aug. 29     | Obadiah         | Matt 1:18- <i>end</i>  | 145           |
| Fri.       | Aug. 30     | Jonah 1         | Matt 2                 | 147           |
| Sat.       | Aug. 31     | Jonah 2         | Matt 3                 | 149, 150      |



**August 6, The Transfiguration**

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**August 15, Saint Mary the Virgin**

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**August 24, Saint Bartholomew**

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

In the last month...

What has been occupying your time and your mind?

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*Offer these times in prayerful gratitude...*

When have you felt the Lord was far away?

*Ask him where he was...what he'd have you notice...*

What, if anything, has felt like a barrier in your relationship with God? Is there any unconfessed sin or temptations that seem to be blocking connection with him?

*Offer these things to him. Ask him to set you free...*

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*Talk to the Lord about your longings...*

# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER

## **Opening Scripture**

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

- Isaiah 57:15

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

Pray for your “daily bread” needs, for this day’s corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I hold up all my weakness to your strength, my failure to your faithfulness, my sinfulness to your perfection, my loneliness to your compassion, my little pains to your great agony on the Cross. I pray that you will cleanse me, strengthen me, guide me, so that in all ways my life may be lived as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone. Show me how to live in true humility, true contrition, and true love. Amen.

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>        | <b>Psalm</b> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Sun.       | Sept. 1     | Jonah 3         | Matt 4                 | 3, 4         |
| Mon.       | Sept. 2     | Jonah 4         | Matt 5:1-20            | 7            |
| Tues.      | Sept. 3     | Micah 1         | Matt 5:21-48           | 10           |
| Wed.       | Sept. 4     | Micah 2         | Matt 6:1-18            | 15, 16       |
| Thurs.     | Sept. 5     | Micah 3         | Matt 6:19- <i>end</i>  | 17           |
| Fri.       | Sept. 6     | Micah 4         | Matt 7                 | 18           |
| Sat.       | Sept. 7     | Micah 5         | Matt 8:1-17            | 20, 21       |
| Sun.       | Sept. 8     | Micah 6         | Matt 8:18- <i>end</i>  | 23, 24       |
| Mon.       | Sept. 9     | Micah 7         | Matt 9:1-17            | 27           |
| Tues.      | Sept. 10    | Nahum 1         | Matt 9:18-34           | 31           |
| Wed.       | Sept. 11    | Nahum 2         | Matt 9:35–10:23        | 33           |
| Thurs.     | Sept. 12    | Nahum 3         | Matt 10:24- <i>end</i> | 35           |
| Fri.       | Sept. 13    | Hab 1           | Matt 11                | 38           |
| Sat.       | Sept. 14*   | Hab 2           | Matt 12:1-21           | 37           |
| Sun.       | Sept. 15    | Hab 3           | Matt 12:22- <i>end</i> | 39, 41       |
| Mon.       | Sept. 16    | Zeph 1          | Matt 13:1-23           | 44           |
| Tues.      | Sept. 17    | Zeph 2          | Matt 13:24-43          | 46           |
| Wed.       | Sept. 18    | Zeph 3          | Matt 13:44- <i>end</i> | 49           |
| Thurs.     | Sept. 19    | Hag 1           | Matt 14                | 51           |
| Fri.       | Sept. 20    | Hag 2           | Matt 15:1-28           | 55           |
| Sat.       | Sept. 21*   | Zech 1          | Matt 15:29–16:12       | 58, 60       |
| Sun.       | Sept. 22    | Zech 2          | Matt 16:13- <i>end</i> | 63, 64       |
| Mon.       | Sept. 23    | Zech 3          | Matt 17:1-23           | 65, 67       |
| Tues.      | Sept. 24    | Zech 4          | Matt 17:24–18:14       | 68           |
| Wed.       | Sept. 25    | Zech 5          | Matt 18:15- <i>end</i> | 69           |
| Thurs.     | Sept. 26    | Zech 6          | Matt 19:1-15           | 70, 72       |
| Fri.       | Sept. 27    | Zech 7          | Matt 19:16–20:16       | 73           |
| Sat.       | Sept. 28    | Zech 8          | Matt 20:17- <i>end</i> | 77           |
| Sun.       | Sept. 29*   | Zech 9          | Matt 21:1-22           | 79, 82       |
| Mon.       | Sept. 30    | Zech 10         | Matt 21:23- <i>end</i> | 78:19-40     |

**September 14, Holy Cross Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**September 21, Saint Matthew**

Lord Jesus, you called Matthew from collecting taxes to become your apostle and evangelist: Grant us the grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, that we may follow you as he did and proclaim to the world around us the good news of your salvation; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**September 29, Holy Michael and All Angels**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

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# DAILY PRAYER - ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER

## Opening Scripture

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the LORD."

- Psalm 122:1

## Confession

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## Lessons

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## The Lord's Prayer

Pray for your "daily bread" needs, for this day's corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## Closing Collect

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. **Amen.**

- John Wesley

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Lesson 1</b> | <b>Lesson 2</b>          | <b>Psalm</b>  |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Tues.      | Oct. 1      | Zech 11         | Matt 22:1-33             | 80            |
| Wed.       | Oct. 2      | Zech 12         | Matt 22:34–23:12         | 83            |
| Thurs.     | Oct. 3      | Zech 13         | Matt 23:13- <i>end</i>   | 85            |
| Fri.       | Oct. 4      | Zech 14         | Matt 24:1-28             | 88            |
| Sat.       | Oct. 5      | Mal 1           | Matt 24:29- <i>end</i>   | 89            |
| Sun.       | Oct. 6      | Mal 2           | Matt 25:1-30             | 91            |
| Mon.       | Oct. 7      | Mal 3           | Matt 25:31- <i>end</i>   | 94            |
| Tues.      | Oct. 8      | Mal 4           | Matt 26:1-30             | 97, 98        |
| Wed.       | Oct. 9      |                 | Matt 26:31-56            | 102           |
| Thurs.     | Oct. 10     |                 | Matt 26:57- <i>end</i>   | 104           |
| Fri.       | Oct. 11     |                 | Matt 27:1-26             | 105           |
| Sat.       | Oct. 12     |                 | Matt 27:27-56            | 106           |
| Sun.       | Oct. 13     |                 | Matt 27:57-28 <i>end</i> | 107           |
| Mon.       | Oct. 14     |                 | Mark 1:1-13              | 109           |
| Tues.      | Oct. 15     |                 | Mark 1:14-31             | 113, 114      |
| Wed.       | Oct. 16     |                 | Mark 1:32- <i>end</i>    | 116, 117      |
| Thurs.     | Oct. 17     |                 | Mark 2:1-22              | 119:25-48     |
| Fri.       | Oct.18*     |                 | Mark 2:23–3:12           | 119:73-88     |
| Sat.       | Oct. 19     | Isa 1           | Mark 3:13- <i>end</i>    | 119:105-128   |
| Sun.       | Oct. 20     | Isa 2           | Mark 4:1-34              | 119:153-176   |
| Mon.       | Oct. 21     | Isa 3           | Mark 4:35–5:20           | 120, 121      |
| Tues.      | Oct. 22     | Isa 4           | Mark 5:21- <i>end</i>    | 124, 125, 126 |
| Wed.       | Oct. 23*    | Isa 5           | Mark 6:1-29              | 129, 130, 131 |
| Thurs.     | Oct. 24     | Isa 6           | Mark 6:30- <i>end</i>    | 134, 135      |
| Fri.       | Oct. 25     | Isa 7           | Mark 7:1-23              | 137, 138      |
| Sat.       | Oct. 26     | Isa 8           | Mark 7:24–8:10           | 141, 142      |
| Sun.       | Oct. 27     | Isa 9           | Mark 8:11- <i>end</i>    | 143           |
| Mon.       | Oct. 28*    | Isa 10          | Mark 9:1-29              | 145           |
| Tues.      | Oct. 29     | Isa 11          | Mark 9:30- <i>end</i>    | 147           |
| Wed.       | Oct. 30     | Isa 12          | Mark 10:1-31             | 149, 150      |
| Thurs.     | Oct. 31     | Isa 13          | Mark 10:32- <i>end</i>   | 3, 4          |



**October 18, Saint Luke**

Almighty God, you called your servant Luke to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: Grant that, by the wholesome medicine of the doctrine he taught, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**October 23, Saint James of Jerusalem**

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your apostle James the Just, kinsman of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**October 28, Saint Simon and Saint Jude**

Grant, O God, that as your apostles Simon and Jude were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

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# DAILY PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER

## **Opening Scripture**

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

- John 4:23

## **Confession**

Confess your sins before God who is gracious and quick to forgive.

## **Lessons**

Read one or more of the psalms.

Read one or more of the lessons.

## **Thanksgiving**

Praise the Lord for his good gifts.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pray for your “daily bread” needs, for this day’s corresponding Resto outreach partner (list in the back), and whatever else the Lord brings to your attention.

## **Closing Collect**

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose can tempt aside. Bestow upon me understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that finally may embrace you. Amen.

- Thomas Aquinas

| Day    | Date     | Lesson 1 | Lesson 2               | Psalm  |
|--------|----------|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Fri.   | Nov. 1*  | Isa 14   | Rev 19:1-16            | 34     |
| Sat.   | Nov. 2   | Isa 15   | Mark 11:1-26           | 7      |
| Sun.   | Nov. 3   | Isa 16   | Mark 11:27–12:12       | 10     |
| Mon.   | Nov. 4   | Isa 17   | Mark 12:13-34          | 15, 16 |
| Tues.  | Nov. 5   | Isa 18   | Mark 12:35–13:13       | 17     |
| Wed.   | Nov. 6   | Isa 19   | Mark 13:14- <i>end</i> | 18     |
| Thurs. | Nov. 7   | Isa 20   | Mark 14:1-25           | 20, 21 |
| Fri.   | Nov. 8   | Isa 21   | Mark 14:26-52          | 23, 24 |
| Sat.   | Nov. 9   | Isa 22   | Mark 14:53- <i>end</i> | 27     |
| Sun.   | Nov. 10  | Isa 23   | Mark 15                | 31     |
| Mon.   | Nov. 11  | Isa 24   | Mark 16                | 33     |
| Tues.  | Nov. 12  | Isa 25   | Luke 1:1-23            | 35     |
| Wed.   | Nov. 13  | Isa 26   | Luke 1:24-56           | 38     |
| Thurs. | Nov. 14  | Isa 27   | Luke 1:57- <i>end</i>  | 37     |
| Fri.   | Nov. 15  | Isa 28   | Luke 2:1-21            | 39, 41 |
| Sat.   | Nov. 16  | Isa 29   | Luke 2:22- <i>end</i>  | 44     |
| Sun.   | Nov. 17  | Isa 30   | Luke 3:1-22            | 46     |
| Mon.   | Nov. 18  | Isa 31   | Luke 3:23- <i>end</i>  | 49     |
| Tues.  | Nov. 19  | Isa 32   | Luke 4:1-30            | 51     |
| Wed.   | Nov. 20  | Isa 33   | Luke 4:31- <i>end</i>  | 55     |
| Thurs. | Nov. 21  | Isa 34   | Luke 5:1-16            | 58, 60 |
| Fri.   | Nov. 22  | Isa 35   | Luke 5:17- <i>end</i>  | 63, 64 |
| Sat.   | Nov. 23  | Isa 36   | Luke 6:1-19            | 65, 67 |
| Sun.   | Nov. 24  | Isa 37   | Luke 6:20-38           | 68     |
| Mon.   | Nov. 25  | Isa 38   | Luke 6:39–7:10         | 69     |
| Tues.  | Nov. 26  | Isa 39   | Luke 7:11-35           | 70, 72 |
| Wed.   | Nov. 27  | Isa 40   | Luke 7:36- <i>end</i>  | 73     |
| Thurs. | Nov. 28  | Isa 41   | Luke 8:1-21            | 77     |
| Fri.   | Nov. 29  | Isa 42   | Luke 8:22- <i>end</i>  | 79, 82 |
| Sun.   | Nov. 30* | Isa 43   | Luke 9:1-17            | 78     |

### November 1, All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**November 30, Saint Andrew**

Almighty God, you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION

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# OUTREACH PARTNERS

## Local:

1. Assist Pregnancy Center: Exists to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion.
2. Casa Chirilagua: Believes in the power of relational bridge building to holistically transform communities. Seeks to love and serve alongside a predominantly Central American Latino community in Alexandria. Bringing community together through life-giving friendships and through our programs. They host community dinners, Kids' club Bible studies and tutoring efforts throughout the year so that kids can grow up with the opportunity to go to college.
3. Comunidad: Offers food assistance, tutoring, and community/leadership development resources for neighbors in the Seven Corners neighborhood of Arlington/Falls Church. Restoration partners with Comunidad on an effort to deliver groceries to Afghan refugees who have resettled in Northern Virginia.
4. Coracle: Provides spiritual direction, a fellowship program, discipleship, personal and group retreats, sacramental ministry, pilgrimages, ministries of mercy and justice, mission trips and creation care in order to help people be fully alive for the sake of the world. Revs. Bill Haley and Chris Lugo and others offer opportunities to participate in spiritual formation throughout the year.
5. Cornerstone School: Through a partnership of family, school, and community, Cornerstone provides a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education to the children of Washington, D.C., equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become leaders who serve others in light of Christ and His Truth.
6. Cru: Andrew & Karlayne Powars: Directors of the ministry on college campuses in the DC area. In 2011 they first launched on two campuses in the area, Marymount University and American University, and in 2016 at George Washington University.

7. Glebe Star Tree: For over a decade, Louise Brooks leads the Glebe Star Tree program that supports families through Glebe Elementary School. Through the star tree, the congregation donates, organizes and distributes gifts for children at Christmas.
8. InterVarsity: A national college campus ministry where two Restoration members work to disciple and love students from around the world with the love of Christ. Stephanie Dickerson: regional director for the ministry on college campuses in Northern Virginia and Richmond, including George Mason, Marymount, and others. Abri May is the National Director for Digital Learning who creates curriculum for the entire ministry.
9. Little Lights Urban Ministries: Empowers underserved youth, families, and communities in Washington, DC, by sharing the hope of Christ through compassionate action, caring relationships, and racial reconciliation. They host Racial Literacy classes for small groups at Restoration.
10. Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA): One of the primary refugee resettlement agencies in the area. Restoration partners with them on furnishing apartments for Afghan refugees. For the last two years, Restoration has partnered with them for a Winter Coat Drive for refugee families.
11. Matthew 25 Initiative: This gathering exists to equip, gather, connect, and offer refreshment for practitioners within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) working in ministries that serve the vulnerable, marginalized, and under-resourced.
12. Navs 20s & 30s: Anne Cregger: Invites those in their 20s and 30s into the work of the Great Commission with the peers God has given them. Restoration partners with Anne on Pints and Perspectives events and other programs for young adults who are seeking to follow Jesus in DC.
13. Project Belong: Inspires, recruits, and resources churches and families in Virginia to foster and adopt in order to spread the love of Christ to children in crisis. Several families and individuals at Restoration serve as foster parents, and Project



Belong helps develop support and care teams for those parents.

14. Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA): RILA supports immigrants in the community by providing pro bono immigration legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and who have the fewest resources. Their offices are on the first floor of Restoration, and they host clinics on Wednesday evenings.
15. Rock Recovery: Helps people heal by removing the barriers of stigma, cost and accessibility in eating disorder treatment.
16. Telos Group: Forms communities of American peacemakers across lines of difference, and equips them to help reconcile seemingly intractable conflicts at home and abroad. Telos hosts programs and discussions in the area and leads immersion trips to the American South and Israel/Palestine to learn the way of peacemaking in places of deep divide and conflict. Todd Deatherage and David Katibah lead these efforts.
17. Young Life Arlington: High school campus ministry that promises outrageous fun, belonging, and what really matters in life - including God's extravagant love. They minister to students at the schools closest to our church: Washington-Liberty and Yorktown. There are plenty of opportunities to serve as a volunteer leader.

## **Global:**

18. Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF): ARDF partners with local Anglican churches to transform lives and communities in some of the world's most challenging areas through sustainable, high-impact development projects. Restoration partners with ARDF to empower Anglicans in the developing world to show the love of Christ to those in need in their own communities.
19. Bolivia: Restoration sent its first official team to Cochabamba in 2016 and have been back several times. In the past, we have worked with La Trinidad Anglican Church and Niños con Valor.

Leadership has changed in these organizations in the last year. We hope to visit La Trinidad Anglican Church in 2024.

20. Cambodia: Restoration members, Jesse and Sarah Blaine and their daughter Clara, moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. in 2012. In 2020, the Blaines returned to the states, but Restoration continues to partner with the Whitaker family where Gregory is the rector of Church of Christ our Peace (CCOP). The church is a plant in the suburbs of Phnom Penh, and we will visit them in August 2024.
21. Mexico: High school students in Apex visit Nogales, Mexico, for a mission trip to serve among immigrants on the border between the US and Mexico. Restoration partners with Cuirim House, which facilitates the trip and helps students engage in the ancient monastic rhythm of work, study, and prayer while they serve.
22. New Wineskins and Anglican Global Mission Partners: New Wineskins hosts a global missions conference every three years in Asheville, NC, in order to offer rest, teaching, and fellowship for Anglican missions and the church. Additionally, they support missionaries in the field and develop resources to educate and inspire local churches to think and live with a global missions' mindset.
23. West Asia: God has given many people at Restoration a passion for the people and cultures in West Asia. Restoration has had more than six teams to visit, to make new friends, to spend time with people we have come to know and love, and to continue to develop long-term outreach partnerships in the region. We support and partner with C & R and their children. We are also supporting a young seminary student named Kayra who partners with them in their ministry. We will visit them again in 2024.



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