

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind.
Monday	Isaiah 42:10-17	God will heal the blind
Tuesday	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
Wednesday	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
Thursday	1 John 2:3-11	A warning against spiritual blindness
Friday	2 Peter 1:3-9	Avoiding spiritual blindness
Saturday	Psalms 146	The Lord gives sight to the blind
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

The LORD sets prisoners free and heals blind eyes. He gives a helping hand to everyone who falls.

Psalms 146:7b-8 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, light of the world, please take away our blindness. Help us to see and follow you. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the light of the Lord shine in your life. May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good, right and true. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were in a very dark place. How did you feel? What did you do?
- Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). How does Jesus help us see?
- How can we shine as lights for Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

Find a candle to serve as your "Christ Candle", and gather an additional candle for each person in your household. Begin your home devotional times this week by saying "*Jesus, you are the light of the world.*" As you do, light the Christ Candle. Then have household members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each does, say together: "*You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others.*"

SERVICE:

Founded in 1908 by German Lutheran Pastor Ernest Christoffel, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) works to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. CBMI supports more than 1000 programs in over 100 countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. Almost 17 million people worldwide benefit from CBMI's support. Visit the CBMI website to learn more about this organization (www.cbm.org). Plan to make a donation to support the work of CBMI, or plan a fundraiser to assist their work. Pray for persons with disabilities during this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Go for a night walk as a household, guided by flashlights, candles or a lantern. As you do, talk about how Christ is the light of the world, and what this means for you.