

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 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
Monday	John 14:23-27	The Spirit will teach you
Tuesday	John 16:5-16	The work of the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	1 John 4:13-21	He has given us his Spirit
Thursday	John 15:9-17	Love and obedience
Friday	1 John 2:1-6	Walk as Jesus did
Saturday	Psalms 119:165-176	Your law is my delight
Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will do as I command."

John 14:15 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please give us the Holy Spirit today to be with us and in us. Lead us to do the things that you command. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for the gifts of this table and our feast of Easter joy. Fill us with your love and life. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you the Holy Spirit, so that you love Jesus and obey him. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who has been helpful to you this past week? In what ways have you been of help to others?
- Jesus called the Holy Spirit our “helper” or “counselor.” What does the Holy Spirit help us to do?
- How would you like the Holy Spirit to help you now?

DEVOTIONS:

Jesus says, “If you love me, you will do as I command.” In your home devotional times this week, review the 10 Commandments. Read through them and briefly discuss what they are saying.

1. *I am the Lord your God. Do not have any god except me.*
2. *Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*
3. *Remember God’s special day and keep it holy.*
4. *Respect your father and your mother.*
5. *Do not murder.*
6. *Do not be unfaithful in marriage.*
7. *Do not steal.*
8. *Do not tell lies about anyone.*
9. *Do not want anyone else’s house.*
10. *Do not want anyone else’s husband or wife, servants, animals or possessions.*

SERVICE:

Jesus told his disciples “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” Pray this week for orphans and for those who care for them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Psalm 66:19-20 says “God has listened; he has heard my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or hold back his love from me.” Begin a household prayer journal – a book in which to record your prayers. Each Sunday talk about your prayer concerns for the coming week and write these in the journal. Use these as the basis for your household prayers during the week. Always remember to give thanks for God’s responses to your prayers.