

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	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	Genesis 7:11 – 8:5	Noah saved from the flood
Tuesday	Romans 10:8-10	You will be saved
Wednesday	Matthew 8:23-27	Jesus stills the storm
Thursday	Deuteronomy 29:2a, 30:1-14	The word is near you
Friday	Isaiah 52:7-10	Beautiful are the feet
Saturday	Psalms 18:1-19	God saves from the waters
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death.
Romans 10:9 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, you are truly the Son of God. Please take us by the hand today and rescue us from trouble. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are scared. May he give you faith to trust in him. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you found yourself out of your "comfort zone." How did you feel?
- Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some "winds" or "waves" in your life at the moment?
- How does Jesus help us when we are in trouble? In what ways have you experienced this?

DEVOTIONS:

Peter was sinking, but Jesus reached out his hand and caught him (Matthew 14:31). In your home devotional times this week, share your fears or concerns with one another. After each person has shared, join hands with them and say these words: *"Take courage. Jesus is with you. Do not be afraid."* Give your worries to Jesus in prayer.

SERVICE:

Romans 10:15 says: *"the feet of those who bring the Good News are beautiful."* Do you know of a fellow Christian who is serving as a missionary overseas or in another part of your country? Find out their address and put together an "encouragement package" to send to them. Let them know that you are praying for them, and commit to doing so during your household prayer times over the coming weeks.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities for household members to talk, listen, share and pray with one another. This week make an effort to engage with one another around bedtimes. Pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night, and calm any "storms" that those in your household may be experiencing. Recite together the words of Psalm 4:8 – *"I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe."*