

## READINGS & PRAYERS

August 10th - August 16th, 2020

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The season after Pentecost is sometimes called Ordinary Time. This is a chance for the church to reflect on how the gospel works into the nooks and crannies of ordinary life. As such, it marks the longest portion of the Christian year.

**Monday** Psalm 121 | Joshua 7.1-13 | Romans 13.8-14 | Matthew 26.36-46

*God our Father, gifts without measure flow from your goodness to bring us your peace. Our life is your gift. Guide our life's journey, for only your love makes us whole. Keep us strong in your love.*

**Tuesday** Psalm 122 | Joshua 8.1-22 | Romans 14.1-12 | Matthew 26.47-56

*Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask.*

**Wednesday** Psalm 123 | Joshua 8.30-35 | Romans 14.13-23 | Matthew 26.57-68

*O God, the Protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, increase and multiply your mercy on us that with you as our Ruler and Guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal.*

**Thursday** Psalm 124 | Joshua 9.3-21 | Romans 15.1-13 | Matthew 26.69-75

*O Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the actions of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.*

**Friday** Psalm 125 | Joshua 9.22-10.15 | Romans 15.14-24 | Matthew 27.1-10

*Cleanse us, O God, and deliver us from all other fears save that fear of your name, which is the coming among us of your holy love.*

**Saturday** Psalm 126 | Joshua 23.1-16 | Romans 15.25-33 | Matthew 27.11-23

*Lord of life, speak now to our waiting souls through your word and may every word we read be to grow us in holiness and obedience in Christ.*

**Sunday** Psalm 127 | Joshua 24.1-15 | Acts 28.23-31 | Mark 2.23-28

*Almighty and ever-living God, your Spirit made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance.*

\*These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from *For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church*

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: **Christ triumphed over sin and death** by being physically resurrected, **so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.** Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.