

READINGS & PRAYERS

September 28th - October 4th, 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 20 | Job 32.1-10; 32.19 - 33.1; 33.19-28 | Acts 13.44-52 | John 10.19-30

Father in heaven, the perfection of justice is found in your love and all mankind is in need of your law. Help us to find this love in each other that justice may be attained through obedience to your law.

Tuesday Psalm 21 | Job 29.1-20 | Acts 14.1-18 | John 10.31-42

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy.

Wednesday Psalm 22 | Job 29.1; 30.1-2,16-31 | Acts 14.19-28 | John 11.1-16

O God, without whose blessing we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and govern our hearts.

Thursday Psalm 23 | Job 29.1; 31.1-23 | Acts 15.1-11 | John 11.17-29

O Shepherd of the sheep, who did promise to carry the lambs in Your arms, and to lead us by the still waters, help us to know the peace which passes understanding. Give us to drink that heavenly draught which is life, the calm patience which is content to bear what God gives. Have mercy upon us, and hear our prayers. Lead us gently when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death. Guide us, till at last, in the assembly of Your saints, we many find rest for evermore.

Friday Psalm 24 | Job 29.1; 31.24-40 | Acts 15.12-21 | John 11.30-44

Keep our faces, O God, toward the coming of your kingdom; and grant us, against every repeated assault, to choose your way, and not our own, that we may rest in the certainty of your triumph.

Saturday Psalm 25 | Job 38.1-17 | Acts 15. 22-35 | John 11.45-54

Most merciful Lord, may your grace work within us unto the farthest end, conforming us in all things unto Yourself. We desire only that which is acceptable unto You, while we wait patiently for whatsoever You ordain. May our wills be increasingly one with your own; and grant above all things that we may rest in tranquility in You, and be at peace with our brothers to the end of our days.

Sunday Psalm 26 | Job 38.1; 18-41 | Revelation 18.1-8 | Matthew 5.21-26

Father, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry toward the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom.

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

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Q4: How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him.
And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.