

READINGS & PRAYERS

October 12th - October 18th, 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 34 | Esther 4.4-17 | Acts 18.1-11 | Luke 1.1-4; 3.1-14

Almighty and eternal God, Father of the world to come, your goodness is beyond what our spirit can touch and your strength is more than the mind can bear. Lead us to seek beyond our reach and give us the courage to stand before your truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday Psalm 35 | Esther 5.1-14 | Acts 18.12-28 | Luke 3.15-22

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday Psalm 36 | Esther 6.1-14 | Acts 19.1-10 | Luke 4.1-13

O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayer, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without your aid, grant us the help of your grace that, keeping your commandments, we may please you in both will and deed through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Thursday Psalm 37 | Esther 7.1-10 | Acts 19.11-20 | Luke 4.14-30

O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and still our minds with the image of yourself, break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love.

Friday Psalm 38 | Esther 8.1-17 | Acts 19.21-41 | Luke 4.31-37

You have brought us to this place, O God, by all our several ways, ever keeping faith with us, despite all our unfaithfulness. Go before us still, we ask you, by your Word and Spirit, leading us from this day forth where it shall please you.

Saturday Psalm 39 | Esther 9.1-32 | Acts 20.1-16 | Luke 4.38-44

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth.

Sunday Psalm 40 | Hosea 1.1-2.1 | James 3.1-13 | Matthew 13.44-52

Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son.

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

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Q6: How can we glorify God?

A: We glorify God **by** enjoying him, **loving him**, trusting him, **and obeying his will, commands, and law.**