

READINGS & PRAYERS

October 19th - October 25th, 2020

Each week's readings and prayers are also online at www.newcitycincy.org/readings-prayers

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 41 | Hosea 2.2-15 | Acts 20.17-38 | Luke 5.1-11

Father in heaven, the hand of your loving kindness powerfully yet gently guides all the moments of our day. Go before us in our pilgrimage of life, anticipate our needs and prevent our falling. Send your Spirit to unite us in faith, that sharing in your service, we may rejoice in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday Psalm 42 | Hosea 2.16-23 | Acts 21.1-14 | Luke 5.12-26

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Wednesday Psalm 43 | Hosea 3.1-5 | Acts 21.15-26 | Luke 5.27-39

O God, whose almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity, grant us the fullness of your grace that we may be partakers of your heavenly treasures; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Thursday Psalm 44 | Hosea 4.1-10 | Acts 21.27-36 | Luke 6. 1-11

Almighty God, You, Who are the Protector of all who hope in You, without Whose grace no one is able to accomplish anything, nor is anything worthy in Your sight: Let us richly experience Your mercy so that through Your holy inspiration we may think what is right and through Your direction and action also accomplish the same; for Jesus Christ. Amen.

Friday Psalm 45 | Hosea 4.11-19 | Acts 21.37-22.16 | Luke 6.12-26

Redeem us, O God, out of all our poor ways into yours. Teach us your will for us by calling us back each day to the things which we know are most certainly true. Direct our lives by the constant pressure on them of other lives that have felt the touch of your hand and loved the beauty of your peace. Until our faces be set toward you, and all our hopes hid forever in yours. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Saturday Psalm 46 | Hosea 5.1-7 | Acts 22.17-29 | Luke 6.27-38

O God, who has spoken unto us through the Scriptures of old, help us to speak to You, while we hear these same Scriptures now. We could not know You, or address You, had You not revealed Yourself unto us: and the words which we now utter proceed from those which our fathers heard of old, and know to be Your own. For these we give perpetual thanks; and we ask You in Your wisdom to make us wise regarding them.

Sunday Psalm 47 | Hosea 5.8-6.6 | 1 Corinthians 2.6-16 | Matthew 14.1-12

Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration, give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ. Amen.

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

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q7: What does the law of God require?

A: Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; **that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.** What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.