

READINGS & PRAYERS

October 26th - November 1st, 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 48 | Hosea 6.7-7.7 | Acts 22.30-23.11 | Luke 6.39-49

Lord our God, Father of all, you guard us under the shadow of your wings and search into the depths of our hearts. Remove the blindness that cannot know you and relieve the fear that would hide us from your sight.

Tuesday Psalm 49 | Hosea 7.8-16 | Acts 23.12-24 | Luke 7.1-17

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forcing us to face those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask.

Wednesday Psalm 50 | Hosea 8.1-14 | Acts 23.23-35 | Luke 7.18-35

Enlighten our minds, we pray, O God, by the Spirit who proceeds from you that, as your Son has promised, we may be led into all truth.

Thursday Psalm 51 | Hosea 9.1-9 | Acts 24.1-23 | Luke 7.36-50

We thank you, O God, for your Holy Spirit, who incites us to true knowledge of you. We humbly ask you for your son's sake to illumine our hearts with your Holy Spirit that we may truly call upon you, know you, sincerely believe in you, give thanks to you, and obey. Let not the light of your gospel be taken from us through deceitful illusions. Direct us in all our affairs with the voice of your counsel, for your Son has promised that you should give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Friday Psalm 52 | Hosea 9.10-17 | Acts 24.24-25.12 | Luke 8.1-15

God, we thank you for this Love-haunted world! Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto your name give glory, for your mercy and for your truth's sake. Amen.

Saturday Psalm 53 | Hosea 10.1-15 | Acts 25.13-27 | Luke 8.16-25

Almighty and everlasting God, inspire your Church to see - as You see - everything reconciled in the unity of your love, to discern your gracious goodness, beneath every veil; and to behold all things working together for good, and for your glory.

Sunday Psalm 54 | Hosea 11.1-11 | 1 Corinthians 4.9-16 | Matthew 15.21-28

Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith, hope and love. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise.

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

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Q8: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

A: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. **You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.**