

## READINGS & PRAYERS

October 5th - October 11th, 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 27 | Job 40.1-24 | Acts 15.36-16.5 | John 11.55-12.8

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your unbounded mercy you have revealed the beauty of your power through your constant forgiveness of our sins. May the power of this love be in our hearts to bring your pardon and your kingdom to all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**Tuesday** Psalm 28 | Job 40.1; 41.1-11 | Acts 16.6-5 | John 12.9-19

*O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Wednesday** Psalm 29 | Job 42. 1-17 | Acts 16.16-24 | John 12.20-26

*Keep, we pray you, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and because without you we cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Thursday** Psalm 30 | Job 28.1-28 | Acts 16.25-40 | John 12.27-36

*Almighty God, you who call me to prayer, and who offer yourself to all who seek your face, pour out your Holy Spirit upon me today and deliver me from coldness of heart, a wandering mind, and wrongful desire. By the power of your Spirit place within me steadfast love and devotion, so that today I may worship and serve you with all of my life; through Jesus Christ my Lord.*

**Friday** Psalm 31 | Esther 1.1-19 | Acts 17.1-15 | John 12.36-43

*Show us, O God, as much of your purpose as shall steady us. We do not ask that the way be made smooth, or even that you would bestow up on us now the strength which you have promised. We ask only for the grace to use what you already have provided in Christ Jesus.*

**Saturday** Psalm 32 | Esther 2.5-23 | Acts 17.16-34 | John 12.44-50

*Lord God, Heavenly Father, from Whom we receive without ceasing all manner of good so superabundantly, and by Whom we are protected daily from all evil so graciously, we pray You, grant us to acknowledge all this through Your Spirit with our whole heart in true faith, so that we may thank and praise Your blessed goodness and mercy both now and eternally.*

**Sunday** Psalm 33 | Esther 3.1-4.3 | James 1.19-27 | Matthew 6.1-18

*Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation.*

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

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q5: What else did God create?

A: **God created all things** by his powerful Word, **and all his creation was very good**; everything flourished under his loving rule.