

DAILY SHORT READINGS

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. *Hebrews 2.8b-10*

SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38,39*

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive. *John 7.37-39a*

MONDAY

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. *Isaiah 40.28,29*

TUESDAY

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. *1 Corinthians 12.4-7*

WEDNESDAY

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. *Joel 2.28,29*

THURSDAY

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' *Luke 11.9-13*

FRIDAY

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment. *2 Corinthians 1.20-22*

SATURDAY

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3.17,18*

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

to be used at Morning and Evening Prayer

Thursday (21 May) Ascension of the Lord

Morning Psalm 8, 47; Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b; Hebrews 2:5-18
Evening Psalm 24, 96; Daniel 7:9-14; Matthew 28:16-20

Friday (22 May) Easter Feria

Morning Psalm 85, 86; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Ephesians 2:1-10
Evening Psalm 91, 92; Ezekiel 1:28-3:3; Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday (23 May) Easter Feria

Morning Psalm 87, 90; Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Ephesians 2:11-22
Evening Psalm 68:1-20; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Revelation 5:1-14

Sunday (24 May) Seventh Sunday of Easter - Jerusalem Sunday

Morning Psalm 8, 47; Daniel 7:9-14; Hebrews 2:5-18
Evening Psalm 24, 96; Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b; Matthew 28:16-20

Monday (25 May) Bede, Priest, Monk, Historian and Educator, 735

Morning Psalm 89:1-18; Josiah 1:1-9; Ephesians 3:1-13
Evening Psalm 89:19-52; Ezekiel 4:1-17; Matthew 8:5-17

Tuesday (26 May) Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

Morning Psalm 97, 99, [100]; 1 Samuel 16:1-13a; Ephesians 3:14-21
Evening Psalm 94, [95]; Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27; Matthew 8:18-27

Wednesday (27 May) John Charles Roper, Bishop of Ottawa, 1940

Morning Psalm 101, 109:1-4, (5-19), 20-30; Isaiah 4:2-6; Ephesians 4:1-16
Evening Psalm 119:121-144; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday (28 May) Easter Feria

Morning Psalm 105:1-22; Zechariah 4:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-32
Evening Psalm 105:23-45; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday (29 May) Easter Feria

Morning Psalm 102; Jeremiah 31:27-34; Ephesians 5:1-20
Evening Psalm 107:1-32; Ezekiel 34:17-31; Matthew 9:9-17

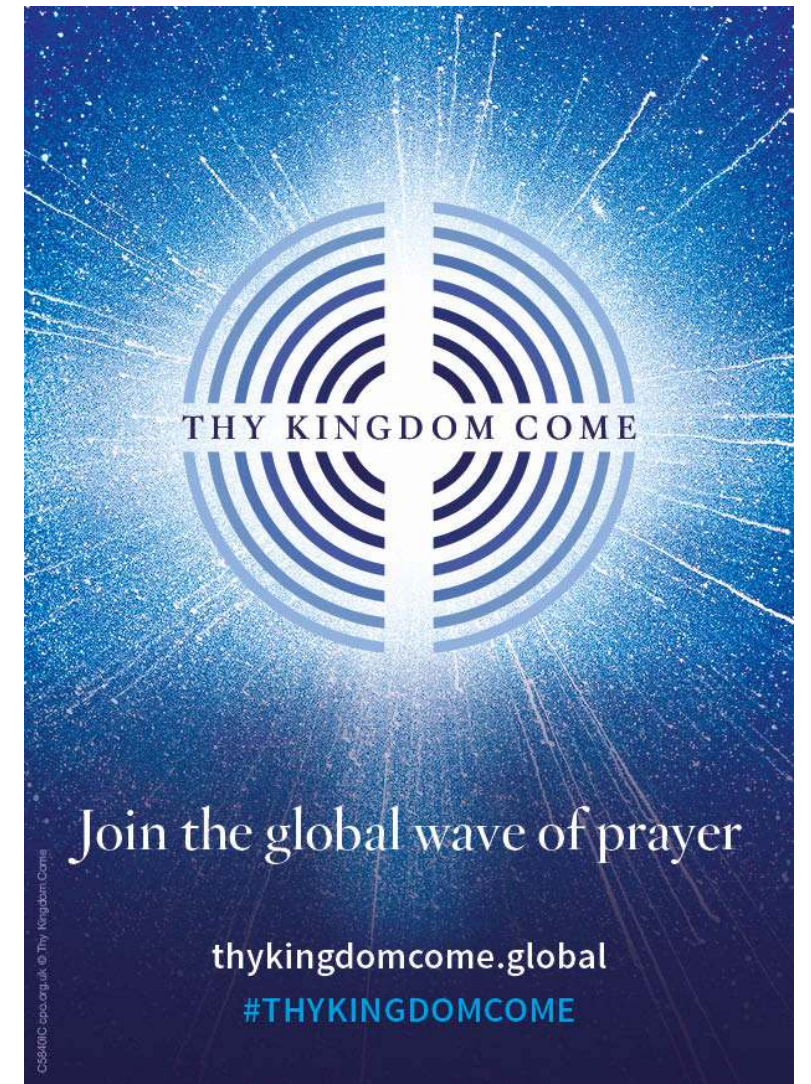
Saturday (30 May) Roberta Elizabeth Tilton, Women's Auxiliary, 1925 / Eve of Pentecost

Morning Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-6, (7-13); Ezekiel 36:22-27; Eph 6:10-24
Evening Psalm 33; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sunday (31 May) Day of Pentecost

Morning Psalm 118; Deuteronomy 16:9-12; Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
Evening Psalm Ps 145; Isaiah 11:1-9; John 4:19-26

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A Guide for Ten Days of Prayer

21 - 31 May 2020



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Daily Prayer Intentions

Thy Kingdom Come encourages every Christian to pray for 5 individuals so that they would know God's love for them in Christ

ASCENSION DAY *The call to share our faith*

For all Christians to have the confidence to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION *Know God better*

For all those who have lost sight of God, that they would see His love revealed in their lives.

SATURDAY AFTER ASCENSION *Trust*

For those who feel isolated and alone, that they will develop meaningful relationships through a childlike trust in God.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION *Forgiveness*

For those in need of God's mercy, that they will know the joy of his forgiveness.

MONDAY *Openness*

For the hearts of those we know and love to be more open to Christ who waits to be invited in.

TUESDAY *Curiosity*

For all those who are beginning to show an interest in matters of faith, that their curiosity will grow into a desire for the living God.

WEDNESDAY *Seek*

For those who seek God, that their search may lead them to find their heart's desire.

THURSDAY *Encounter*

For us all to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and experience life lived to the full.

FRIDAY *Freedom*

For those who are held down by past experiences, hurt or pain, that they may know the freedom that Christ brings when we follow him.

SATURDAY *Faith*

For those who want to grow in faith, that we may all be filled with the hope of what is to come.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST *Filled with the Holy Spirit*

For the whole Church to be filled with the Holy Spirit 'as by a new Pentecost.'

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Chapter 6: Acknowledge different spiritual styles

Chapter 7: Abandon the us/ them divide

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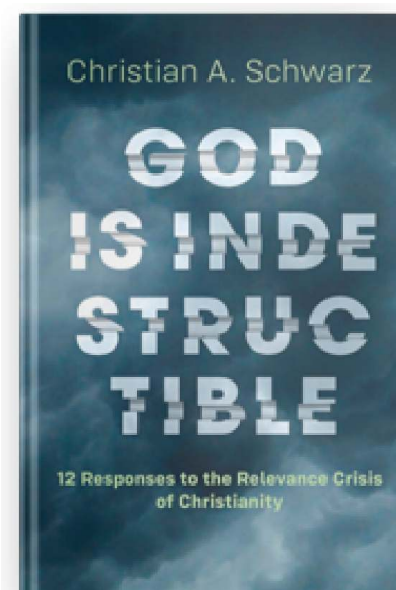
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READINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' *Isaiah 49.5-6*

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. *Isaiah 52.8-9*

Many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. *Micah 4.2-3*

'While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' *Acts 17.30-31*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5.16-17*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. *Ephesians 2.19-21*

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' *Matthew 5.13-16*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.16-end*