

JULY 2020

Bible readings for each day

These short readings are those read, day by day, at community prayer in Taizé. The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.

- 1** 1 John 1:5-7
Wed If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we are in communion with one another.
- 2** Acts 10:1-35
Thu Peter said: I now really understand that God has no favourites, but that in every nation he loves those who revere him and act justly.
- 3** John 20:19-31
Fri St THOMAS A week after the resurrection Jesus came, stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not be unbelieving any more but believe."
- 4** Ephesians 5:14-20
Sat Let yourselves be filled by the Spirit. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.
- 5** Matthew 11:25-27
SUN Jesus said: I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for having revealed to little children what you have hidden from the learned and clever.
- 6** Genesis 2:5-9
Mon God fashioned man from the soil of the ground, he breathed a breath of life into his nostrils and man became a living being.
- 7** Acts 8:1-8
Tue The believers who had been scattered during the persecution went from place to place proclaiming the good news of the Gospel.
- 8** 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Wed Paul writes: Draw your strength from the grace which is in Christ Jesus.
- 9** Psalms 38
Thu My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. In you, Lord, I put my hope; you, Lord my God, will give answer.
- 10** Jeremiah 3:12
Fri The Lord says: Return to me, for I am merciful.
- 11** Isaiah 40:6-8
Sat Isaiah said: Grass withers and flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 12** Matthew 13:1-9
SUN Jesus said: A sower went out to sow. Some seeds fell on good soil and produced a crop — a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Let anyone with ears listen!
- 13** Jeremiah 31:31-34
Mon The Lord says: I shall put my law deep within them, I shall write it on their hearts. I shall be their God and they will be my people.
- 14** Isaiah 51:4-12
Tue The Lord says: Do not fear the threats of human beings, do not be frightened by their evil deeds. I am your consoler. Why then should you be afraid of mortal human beings?
- 15** Hebrews 12:18-24
Wed What you have come to is nothing that can be known to the senses: what you have come to is the city of the living God and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.
- 16** Romans 8:1-11
Thu Paul writes: The One who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.
- 17** Psalms 51
Fri Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me clean from my guilt, purify me from my sin.
- 18** Galatians 3:23-29
Sat Paul writes: You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 19** Matthew 13:31-32
SUN Jesus said: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which someone took and sowed in their field. Of all seeds it is the smallest, yet once it has grown it is the biggest of plants.
- 20** Luke 4:14-30
Mon Jesus found the place in the book of the prophet Isaiah where it is written: "The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor and to proclaim freedom to those in captivity."
- 21** Colossians 2:6-10
Tue Paul writes: In Christ, all the fullness of God lives in bodily form, and in him you too find fulfilment.
- 22** Psalms 5
Wed By your faithful love I may enter your house, where I bow down in adoration. Lead me, Lord, in your justice.
- 23** James 1:21-25
Thu James writes: Those who listen to the word of God but do not do what it says are like people who look at their faces in a mirror and, after looking at themselves, go away and immediately forget what they look like.
- 24** Romans 8:31-39
Fri Who could condemn us? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God, interceding for us.
- 25** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Sat St JAMES Paul writes: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.
- 26** Matthew 13:44-52
SUN Jesus said: The kingdom of heaven is like a trader looking for precious pearls, who on finding one of great value, goes, sells everything he has and buys it.
- 27** Jeremiah 30:17-22
Mon The Lord says: I shall restore you to health and heal your wounds. You will be my people and I shall be your God.
- 28** Luke 17:3-4
Tue Jesus said: If your brother wrongs you seven times in a day and seven times comes back to you and says, "I repent", forgive him.
- 29** Zechariah 12:10—13:1
Wed God says: I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on my people, and they will look at me whom they pierced. On that day a fountain will be opened to wash sin and impurity away.
- 30** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-8
Thu Paul writes: You have imitated us and the Lord by welcoming the Word with the joy of the Holy Spirit despite severe suffering.
- 31** Mark 14:32-41
Fri Jesus said: Watch and pray, so as not to fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but human nature is weak.