

APRIL 2021

Bible readings for each day

- 1 **Thu** Romans 8:31-39 Paul writes: I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.
- 2 **Fri** John 19:28-42 **GOOD FRIDAY** On the cross, Jesus said, "It is fulfilled", and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.
- 3 **Sat** 1 Peter 3:18-22 Peter writes: Christ was put to death in the body and raised to life in the Spirit. And in the Spirit he also went to announce the Gospel to those who once had refused to believe.
- 4 **SUN** John 20:1-9 **EASTER DAY** When Jesus' disciple entered the empty tomb, he saw and believed.
- 5 **Mon** 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 Christ has been raised from the dead as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life.
- 6 **Tue** Luke 24:13-35 Having recognised the Risen Christ, the disciples of Emmaus said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"
- 7 **Wed** Mark 6:45-52 When they saw Jesus walking on the water, the disciples were terrified. But at once he spoke to them saying, "Have courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."
- 8 **Thu** Philippians 1:12-26 St Paul wrote from prison: Nothing shall defeat me. I shall keep my confidence now, as always; Christ will be glorified in my body, whether I live or die.
- 9 **Fri** Judges 5:31 May those who love you, Lord, be like the sun when it rises in its strength!
- 10 **Sat** John 7:1-24 Jesus said: My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. If anyone is prepared to do God's will they will discover whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.
- 11 **SUN** John 20:19-31 The Risen Christ breathed upon his disciples and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven.
- 12 **Mon** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Thessalonians: We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 13 **Tue** Luke 8:19-21 Jesus said: My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.
- 14 **Wed** Luke 13:18-21 Jesus said: The kingdom of God is like leaven which a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it all rose.
- 15 **Thu** 1 Timothy 4:7-16 St. Paul writes: Train yourself to live in godliness: it holds out promise both for the present life and the life to come.
- 16 **Fri** James 5:7-11 James writes: For an example of patience in the face of suffering look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord: those who persevered we consider blessed.
- 17 **Sat** Sirach 4:1-10 Deliver the oppressed from the hands of the oppressor and you will be like a child of the Most High who will love you more than your own mother does.
- 18 **SUN** Luke 24:35-48 The Risen Christ stood among his disciples and said: Peace be with you!
- 19 **Mon** Isaiah 40:1-5 Isaiah said: Prepare a way through the desert for the Lord. Make a straight road for our God.
- 20 **Tue** 1 Peter 1:13-16 Peter writes: Put all your hope in the grace brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- 21 **Wed** Hebrews 10:1-18 The Lord says: I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds. Their sins and wrongdoings I will remember no more.
- 22 **Thu** Matthew 19:23-30 In astonishment at Jesus' words, the disciples asked him, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "By human resources this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- 23 **Fri** Galatians 6:1-10 Paul writes: The one who sows in the Spirit, will harvest eternal life from the Spirit.
- 24 **Sat** Psalms 73 You hold me by my hand, Lord, and guide me with your counsel. If I am with you, I desire nothing upon the earth.
- 25 **SUN** John 10:11-15 Jesus said: I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.
- 26 **Mon** Philippians 3:17-4:1 Paul writes: Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transfigure our lowly bodies into the likeness of his glorious body.
- 27 **Tue** Psalms 119:9-16 I will ponder your precepts, O God, and fix my gaze on your paths. I find my delight in your will.
- 28 **Wed** Romans 8:22-27 Paul writes: We look towards our salvation in hope. Now, to hope for what we see is not hope at all. To hope for what we do not see is to await it with constancy.
- 29 **Thu** Romans 12:9-13 Paul writes: Let your love be sincere, cling to what is good. Love one another with mutual affection.
- 30 **Fri** Acts 4:1-22 Christ, the stone the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone.

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