

AUGUST 2, 2015  
TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Jesus is the bread of life.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.  
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Deuteronomy 8:6-10	You will eat your fill
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Come and eat
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:1-6	Elijah is fed
Thursday	Mark 14:12-17, 22-26	Jesus takes bread
Friday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord's Supper
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43	God feeds the hungry
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."  
John 6:35 (NRSV)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, bread of life, we come to you to be fed. Fill us up to live for you.  
Amen. (John 6:27,35)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven,  
come and make us whole. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of life, give you all you need for life, here and in  
heaven with him. Amen.



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What are your favorite foods?
- Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?
- In what ways does Jesus feed you?

## DEVOTIONS

Gather a selection of different breads and slice them into small pieces. Invite household members to feed on the different breads, and with each piece eaten, to share a way in which God has provided for them during the day or week. Read the "Scripture Verse for the Week" together and say a prayer of thanks for Jesus, the bread of life given from heaven.

## SERVICE

Make bread to give away to your neighbors. Try this simple recipe:

**Ingredients:** 1 cup milk (hot); ¼ cup sugar; 4 tbsp. margarine; 1 tsp. salt; 1 pkg. yeast; 1 egg; 4 cups all-purpose flour; ¼ cup warm water.

**Instructions:** Add sugar, margarine and salt to the hot milk. Let cool. In a small bowl, mix the warm water and yeast. Set aside until bubbly (about 5 min.) To the milk mixture, add 1 cup of flour and mix well. Add one slightly beaten egg and the yeast mixture. Use a wire whisk to mix the ingredients. Next, add approximately 3 more cups of flour (use wooden spoon). Knead until smooth, then place in greased bowl for first rise. Punch down or knead, place in two greased bread pans, cover with a damp cloth and let rise again. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 20 minutes.

As you enjoy what you have baked, talk about how Jesus is the bread of life for you.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

August 5th is observed across the world as Universal Peace Day. This day marks the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki near the end of World War II. Many people suffered from radiation sickness and other diseases for years after the war as a result of the bombings. One was an 11-year-old girl named Sadako who developed leukemia in 1955. While she was in the hospital, her friends reminded her of the Japanese legend that if a person were to fold one thousand paper cranes, her wish of being healthy again might come true. Sadly, although she folded over a thousand cranes, she died at the age of 12. But she never gave up hope and continued folding cranes until her death. The paper crane has since become a symbol of the hope for peace in the world. In your home devotional times this week, work together to make paper cranes. For instructions, visit [www.e22.com/peacecrane/fold.htm](http://www.e22.com/peacecrane/fold.htm). As you make cranes, pray for peace in your home, community, nation and the world.



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