

NOVEMBER 15, 2015
TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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Hold tight to your faith.

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	Mark 13:1-8	Signs of the end of the age
Monday	Matthew 24:23-31	The coming of the Son of Man
Tuesday	1 John 2:7-14	Old and new commandments
Wednesday	1 John 4:1-6	The true Spirit and false spirits
Thursday	2 John 1:7-11	Watch out
Friday	Jude 17-25	Final warnings and instructions
Saturday	Psalms 31:19-24	The Lord preserves the faithful
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what is promised. Hebrews 10:23 (NCV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to remain faithful in worshipping you. Amen. (Hebrews 10:23, 25)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you; and your blessings to us never end. Thank you, God! Amen. (Psalm 16:11)

A Blessing to Give:

May God protect you in body, soul and mind. May God keep you strong in your discipleship. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever been tricked or fooled by someone? Share your story.
- Jesus said to his disciples, "Watch out and don't let anyone fool you!" (Mark 13:5) What things draw people away from trusting and following Jesus? What things help them to stay strong and grow in their faith?
- What is something that has encouraged you in your faith in the past week?

DEVOTIONS

Hebrews 10:24 tells us to keep meeting together regularly as Christians to encourage and motivate one another in following Jesus and serving others. In your home devotional times this week, name ways in which God has used members of your household to bring glory to him and good to others. Support each person with this cheer: "*Praise God for (Name)!*"

SERVICE

Plan a special gift that you can donate to help the needy in your community this Christmas. For example, begin purchasing non-perishable food items to make up a Christmas hamper or gift basket. Contact a local community organization or charity that distributes aid to needy homes for advice on how to best donate your gift.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 16:7 says, "*I will praise the Lord. He gives me good advice. Even at night my heart teaches me.*" When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us. As a household, challenge each member to spend a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or Bible storybooks for bedtime stories with your children. Memorize Psalm 4:8 to say with them, "*I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe.*"



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