

OCTOBER 18, 2015
TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

Jesus gives us an example of service.

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 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-9	The Lord will ransom Jacob
Tuesday	Luke 22:24-27	The service of Christ
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-14	Serve one another in love
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Use your gifts to serve others
Friday	1 Timothy 1:15-17	Christ has ransomed us
Saturday	Psalms 55:16-18	The Lord ransoms me
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (TNIV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Teach us how to serve others from the heart. Amen. (Mark 10:42-45)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you know the love of Jesus, your Savior. May you grow in serving others, reflecting the heart of Christ. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt important.
- Who is considered important in your town or city? Why?
- What makes someone great in God's kingdom? (Read Mark 10:43-44).
- How did Jesus make himself the “slave of all?” In what ways can we follow his example?

DEVOTIONS

Jesus told his disciples that following him would involve suffering (Mark 10:39). In your household devotion times this week, pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Visit the website, www.persecution.org, to read about specific people and situations in need of prayer.

SERVICE

There are many in our churches and communities who serve God and others humbly and faithfully without much recognition. Identify one person you would like to honor. Send them a thank you card or prepare a small gift for them in recognition of their efforts.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Introduce into your home life the practice of recognizing ways in which household members have served Christ through their words or actions, however large or small. This could take the form of a weekly or monthly gathering where “Servant of Christ” certificates are handed out to each household member, noting ways in which God has used them to show his love to others.



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