

OCTOBER 25, 2015
TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

Jesus helps us see more clearly.

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 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Monday	2 Kings 6:8-23	Elisha and the Arameans
Tuesday	Mark 8:22-26	Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida
Wednesday	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals two blind men
Thursday	John 9:1-11	Jesus heals a man born blind
Friday	John 9:39-41	Spiritual blindness
Saturday	Psalms 119:17-20	Open my eyes
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus is able always to save those who come to God through him because he always lives, asking God to help them. Hebrews 7:25 (NCV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, make our faith strong so that we always cry out to you for clearer vision. Amen. (Mark 10:46-48)

Mealtime Prayer:

God our Savior, we give you thanks for food so good, food so healthy, food so beautiful and full of flavor! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus hear all your prayers, meet all your needs and give you faith to see as God sees. Amen. (Mark 10:48-52)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt “put down” or “held back” by others.
- When blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, others told him to be quiet (Mark 10:46-52). What did Bartimaeus do? What did Jesus do?
- What can we learn from the example of Bartimaeus? What can we learn from the response of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

When Bartimaeus came to Jesus, he threw his cloak aside, trusting in Jesus to heal him (Mark 10:49-50). Select a piece of cloth to serve as your household prayer cloak. In your devotion times this week, write down prayer requests beginning with these words, “*Son of David, have mercy on me.*” Attach these to your prayer cloak with pins or pegs. At the end of your prayer time, cast your cloak aside as an active symbol of your faith in God to hear and respond to your prayers.

SERVICE

There are approximately 40 million people in the world who are blind. Ninety percent of these people live in the world’s poorest countries and almost half of them are under 15-years-old. Up to half-a-million children become blind every year simply because of a vitamin A deficiency. Founded in 1908, CBM was an independent Christian development organization dedicated to preventing and curing blindness, and to the education and rehabilitation of people who are blind. CBM has expanded to serve people with a variety of disabilities, especially in the poorest parts of the world. Visit www.cbm.org to find out more about the work of this organization and how you can support them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

October 31 is observed as Reformation Day by many churches, a day to remember the reform that came to the Christian Church in the 1500’s. Take time this week as a household to explore the life story of the great reformer, Martin Luther. Discover how he took a stand for the truth of the Gospel. (A good website to look at is: <http://www.luther.de/en/leben.html>.) If suitable, watch the *Luther* movie together (2003, rated PG-13).



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