

OCTOBER 25, 2015  
REFORMATION  
SUNDAY

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*We are saved by grace through believing  
in Jesus.*

## 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 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Monday	Romans 1:16-17	The righteous will live by faith
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Justified by faith
Wednesday	Galatians 2:15-21	Justified in Christ
Thursday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith
Friday	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	The righteousness of God
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our fortress
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbor

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The free gift of God's grace makes all of us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free. Romans 3:24 (NIRV)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you have set us free! May we use our freedom to live for you.  
Amen.

#### Mealttime Prayer:

Loving God, we praise your name for you are rich in grace. Please bless this food and all who gather in this place. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. Amen.

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you received something for free.
- God gives a free gift to all who have faith in Jesus? What is it?
- While God gives us the gift of his grace for free, what did it cost Jesus?
- What is your response to God's free gift of grace?

## DEVOTIONS

October 31 is Reformation Day, a day to celebrate the reform that came to the Christian Church in the 1500's. As part of your household devotional times this week, review 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>.) Give thanks to God for people who have influenced members of your household through their Christian witness.

## SERVICE

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give." (Matthew 10:8) In celebration of Reformation Day (which is associated with the color red) organize a "gift of red" to give to a neighbor this week such as cookies or a cake coated with red icing, or a bouquet of red flowers. Work together to prepare and deliver your gift.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The beginning of the Reformation is often associated with Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses on the front door of the University Chapel in Wittenberg, Germany. Work together to write "we believe" statements on red streamers or strips of red paper. Attach these to the front door of your home in commemoration of Reformation Day.



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