

JUNE 5, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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God cares for the needy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises a widow's son
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-24	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Acts 9:36-43	Peter restores Tabitha
Wednesday	Acts 20:7-12	Paul raises a young man
Thursday	Jeremiah 30:12-22	God will heal Zion
Friday	James 5:13-16	The prayer of faith
Saturday	Psalms 68:1-10, 19-20	God protects the widows
Sunday	Luke 7:36—8:3	A woman anoints Jesus' feet

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When the Lord saw the woman, he felt sorry for her and said, "Don't cry!"
Luke 7:13 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please help us to see when others are hurting and to care for them. Amen. (Luke 7:13)

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you Lord, for this our meal, for grace and love and gifts that heal. Give us willing hearts to share with those around us who need our care. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the compassion of Jesus shine through you today and always. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about a time you needed help from others.
- Jesus showed compassion to the widow of Nain. Tell about a time you showed compassion for someone in need.
- How does Jesus help us when we are sad or in need?

DEVOTIONS

The widow in Luke 7:11-14 had just lost her son. Without a husband or son to care for her, she now was a person who had little or no way of providing for her daily needs. This story from Luke is the first time Jesus is mentioned as "Lord." Jesus is seen as Lord not because of military, economic, or political might but because of his great compassion. Read Luke 7:11-17, then with family and/or friends reenact the story with parts for the widow, son, crowd, and Jesus. Afterward, talk about what the experience meant to the widow, the son, the crowd, and Jesus. Conclude by offering prayers for people in need and the work of the church to be the hands and voice of Jesus in the world.

SERVICE

Who do you know who is in need of care and support? Plan an act of kindness to encourage them, such as putting together a bouquet of flowers, visiting with a plate of cookies, or sending them a card or a message using social media.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Practice Christian traditions that honor Jesus as Lord and the importance of compassion in the Christian faith. Consider some of the following:

- Regularly use mealtime prayers.
- Sing or pray Christian hymns or praise songs during the week.
- Go for a walk and pray for the care of creation.
- Pray for people in need.
- Gather with others in your household for bedtime prayers.



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