

AUGUST 28, 2016  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Jesus was welcoming and humble. Let us follow his example.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Tuesday	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
Wednesday	1 Kings 3:1-15	Solomon humbles himself
Thursday	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honor
Friday	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
Saturday	Psalms 10	Warnings against pride and arrogance
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should. Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it.

**Hebrews 13:1-2 (CEV)**

**SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. Amen.  
(Luke 14:7-14)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who welcomes you with grace and mercy be with you and guide you today in all that you do and all that you say. Amen.



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What does it mean to be proud? What does it mean to be humble?
- How has Jesus been a humble servant to us? In response, what are some ways we can show humble service to others?
- In our society, we are taught to fear strangers. What does the command to welcome strangers (Hebrews 13:2) teach us about the benefit of honoring people we don't know?

## DEVOTIONS



Hebrews 13:7 says, "Don't forget about your leaders who taught you God's message. Remember what kind of lives they lived and try to have faith like theirs." Pray for Christian leaders who teach you about God: pastors, teachers, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, parents, grandparents, etc. How has their faith helped you with your faith? Plan a way to express your thanks and appreciation to them.

## SERVICE



When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward." Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home. Think about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Inviting others to be guests in our homes is an excellent way to teach our children about offering hospitality to others. But remember that hospitality is not about putting on a special meal or having a spotless home to show off. It's about welcoming people into our lives as we are and accepting them as they are.

During the week, honor household members or friends by making them the center of attention at a dinner. Set a special place at your dinner table for the honored person. Offer a blessing using "A Blessing to Give" and a special prayer for that person.



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