

NOVEMBER 13, 2016  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
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*Jesus never promised it would be easy to follow him.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Luke 21:25-38	The coming of the Son of Man
Tuesday	Exodus 14:10-31	Stand firm
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 20:1-17	Do not be afraid
Thursday	1 John 4:1-6	Do not believe every spirit
Friday	Jude 1:17-25	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 98	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But don't worry! You will be saved by being faithful to me.

**Luke 21:18-19 (CEV)**

#### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

O God, help us not to become tired of doing good. Lead us to make the most of each day to serve you and others. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Thank you God for the food you send. Keep us in faith until the end. Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God make you strong in your faith and give you wise words to speak. Amen. (Luke 21:15, 19)



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### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a difficult time you have experienced.
- The prophets of the Old Testament as well as Jesus knew that our faith would be tested through difficult times. Talk about how God has been with you during tough times.
- In Luke 21:5-19, Jesus says that his followers will experience trials and persecution. How has enduring a difficult time been a witness to your faith?

### DEVOTIONS



Luke 21:13 states that life's difficulties will give Jesus' followers an opportunity to talk about their faith. Tell family and friends a faith story from your life that involved enduring a difficult time. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit that sustained you during that experience.

### SERVICE



In Luke 21, Jesus warns that some Christians will face persecution because they follow him. This is still the case today in various parts of the world. Pray this week for all Christians that are persecuted for their faith. Here are some current examples:

- **Christians in North Korea:** In this country, following Jesus is considered an act of treason, and Christians face the real threat of imprisonment and even execution.
- **Christians in Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Iraq, India, Pakistan, and various parts of Indonesia:** Many Christians in these areas live in fear of being physically attacked by followers of other religions.
- **Christians in China:** House churches in China face the constant threat of raids from government authorities who have imprisoned many church leaders.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Recite Psalm 98. After each verse say:

**"Sing a new song to the Lord! He has worked miracles."**

Verses 7-9 call on all of creation to "sing before the Lord." Go on a walk or a drive and make a list of the sounds you hear in nature. Then, write your own version of verses 7-9 using the sounds you heard.



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