

OCTOBER 29, 2017  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*We show our love for God by loving others.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

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|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Matthew 22:34-46      | Loving God and neighbor        |
| Monday    | Deuteronomy 6:1-9     | Loving the Lord your God       |
| Tuesday   | Psalms 1              | The way to happiness           |
| Wednesday | Romans 13:8-14        | Love your neighbor as yourself |
| Thursday  | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 | Paul's life and work           |
| Friday    | 1 John 3:16-24        | Love one another               |
| Saturday  | Psalms 15             | The path of the righteous      |
| Sunday    | Matthew 23:1-12       | Humble yourselves              |

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, 'Love others as much as you love yourself.'" **Matthew 22:37-39 (CEV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

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

Lord Jesus, help us to love our neighbors today. Amen. (Matthew 22:39)

### **Mealtimes Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, good and great, thanks for all that's on our plates. Amen.

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

May God keep you strong and well. May the Lord help you to love God and others with all your heart.



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We Are Called*



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What makes you feel loved? How do you show love to others?
- Read Matthew 22:37-39. How can you love God with all your heart? With your mind? With your soul?
- What does it mean to "love others as much as you love yourself?"

## DEVOTIONS



*Read: Matthew 22:34-46.*

Sometimes people asked Jesus difficult questions, and sometimes he posed hard questions to them. Asking questions and wondering about the Christian faith is important. Write down or talk about questions you have related to the Bible or the Christian faith. Discuss the questions. If you struggle to find answers, make a plan to find out more. Conclude with the following prayer:

**Dear God, help us to take delight in your word so that we may be like trees planted by streams of water that will not wither but prosper and produce the fruit of righteousness filled with love for you and for our neighbor.** (Psalm 1)

## SERVICE



In 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, the apostle Paul writes about the ministry of the apostles in Thessalonica. Though many people were against them, they shared the good news of Jesus Christ with boldness. This week, pray by name for the pastors and other church workers in your local community. Ask God to give them courage and to help them live good and faithful lives. Plan an act of encouragement for them.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 1:2 states that the righteous "delight in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night." Far from being a legalistic code that is a burden, God's law is about loving relationships. Jesus points out that the greatest commandments are about loving God and neighbor and are at the heart of the Old Testament message. This week memorize Matthew 22:37-39 and meditate on it day and night.



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