

NOVEMBER 2, 2014
21ST SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST

Greatness comes through
serving others.

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	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves
Monday	Matthew 18:1-4	Become like little children
Tuesday	1 Kings 21:1-28	King Ahab humbles himself
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 34:14-28	King Josiah humbles himself
Thursday	Luke 14:7-14	The humble will be exalted
Friday	1 Peter 5:1-6	God gives grace to the humble
Saturday	Luke 1:46-55	Mary's song
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of the wise and foolish girls

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Whoever is your servant is the greatest among you."
Matthew 23:11 (NCV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you have put us before yourself. Help us to follow your example. Amen. (Matthew 23:12)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, by your grace we eat and drink, by your grace we live. May we say thanks to you this day by how we serve and give. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you a servant's heart, and bring you joy through serving others. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Who is the most important person you have ever met? What made (or makes) that person important?
- What makes people "great" according to Jesus (read Matthew 23:11)?
- Jesus put all his followers on the same level (see Matthew 23:8). What difference should this make to how we see and treat one another?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotion times this week, share about how you have been served by other family members. Pray for God's help to be servants to one another. Say this week's "Blessing to Give" to one another.

SERVICE

Let your home chores become acts of service to one another this week. Have each household member choose one new or additional daily chore they will commit to this week to serve other household members in Jesus' name.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 43:3 says, "Send me your light and truth to guide me." For a fun household activity this week, go on a night walk by candlelight. If it is windy, you may need to place your candles in clear containers to shield them from the breeze. If one person's flame is extinguished, another person should help relight his or her candle. Talk about what comparisons you see with your journeys of faith.



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