

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Living as “salty” people for Jesus.

## 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	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
Monday	Matthew 5:13-20	You are the salt of the earth
Tuesday	Luke 14:25-35	Keep your saltiness
Wednesday	Colossians 4:2-6	Salty conversation
Thursday	Romans 6:1-14	Do not let sin rule you
Friday	1 Corinthians 10:23-33	Do not cause others to stumble
Saturday	Psalms 101:1-3	Pursuing a blameless life
Sunday	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.” Mark 9:50 (NLT)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, make us salty people who flavor the world with goodness, love and peace. Amen. (Mark 9:38-50)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God’s teachings guide you in all that you do and give you peace. Amen.

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In what different ways is salt used? How do you use salt?
- Jesus says his followers must have the qualities of salt (Mark 9:50). What do you think he means?
- In what ways do our lives flavor the lives of others? How are you God’s salt in your relationships with others?

## DEVOTIONS

Place a bowl of salty water in the center of your meal table. In your household devotional times this week, use a spoon to give each other water to drink. As each person swallows the salty water, say these words, “Be salt for Jesus, through what you do and say.”

## SERVICE

Jesus urges us to care for our fellow Christians – he says that those who give even a cup of water to a fellow believer in Christ’s name will be rewarded by God (Mark 9:41). Are there opportunities in your church to serve others with food and/or drinks? Volunteer your time as a household to do so.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Enjoy salty foods in your home this week. Make up placemats featuring Jesus’ words from Mark 9:50 – “*Have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other*” – and use these throughout the week at your meal table.



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