

MAY 29, 2016  
SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*Trusting the love and power of God.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 7:1-10	The faith of a Roman centurion
Monday	Luke 5:17-20	An act of faith
Tuesday	Galatians 1:1-12	Trusting the grace of Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman shows great faith
Thursday	Mark 10:46-52	The faith of Bartimaeus
Friday	Hebrew 10:35-11:2	Being sure of what we hope for
Saturday	Psalms 31:14-24	I trust in you, O Lord
Sunday	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises a widow's son

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Lord God of Israel, no other god in heaven or on earth is like you! You never forget the agreement you made with your people, and you are loyal to anyone who faithfully obeys your teachings. **1 Kings 8:23 (CEV)**

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

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

Lord God, make our faith in Jesus strong. Help us to trust in God's power to save and to heal. Amen.  
(Luke 7:1-10)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for hearts of faith, homes of love, and gifts of food. All glory to you! Amen.

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

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be kind to you and bless you with peace. Amen.  
(Galatians 1:3)



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a time when you trusted someone to help you.
- Luke 7:1-10 tells us about a Roman centurion who asked Jesus for help. Why did Jesus say this man had "great faith?"
- Can you remember a time when you felt Jesus helping you? Tell your story.

## DEVOTIONS

The best way to understand faith is to experience it. Pair up with friends or family to take a "faith walk." Have one person blindfolded, and the other is the guide who uses verbal cues to lead the person on a walk. Switch roles, and then talk about your experiences. Discuss what it means to live by faith in Jesus as our trustworthy guide and helper.

## SERVICE

Make a card, or send a message using social media to someone in your community who is not feeling well. Write down some words of encouragement. Mail the card or deliver it with a personal visit.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 96:7 says, "Praise the Lord, all nations on earth; praise the Lord's glory and power." There are Christians and Christian churches in nearly every country of the world who worship the same Lord Jesus.

As a sign of the common bond we have through Christ, send a postcard of Christian encouragement to another church somewhere in the world. Contact your local congregation to find an international community of faith or choose a nation of the world and perform an internet search to find the postal address of a church in that place. Expect God to use your message to bring good cheer!



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