

NOVEMBER 6, 2016
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Jesus gives us the great hope of resurrection from the dead.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	John 5:19-27	Life through the Son
Tuesday	Romans 6:5-11	Alive to God in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	When Christ returns
Thursday	Romans 14:5-9	Lord of the dead and the living
Friday	Revelation 1:9-18	The Living One
Saturday	Psalms 86:1-13	You have delivered me
Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I know that my Savior lives, and at the end he will stand on this earth.

Job 19:25 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please help us to stand strong in faith, hope, and love. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Mealtime Prayer:

God, you satisfy the hunger of those you love. Give us love for all who hunger. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Redeemer encourage you and strengthen you in every good work and word. Amen.

(2 Thessalonians 2:16)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is hope? What is something you hope for?
- How does Jesus give us hope?
- How does the hope that Jesus gives us impact how we live our daily lives?

DEVOTIONS



The letters of the New Testament are filled with words of hope and encouragement for Christians. The words of St. Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 are an example. Do you know others who may need a few words of encouragement? For your devotional activity this week, prepare notes or cards of encouragement to send to them. Include one or more of these Bible verses in your notes or cards: Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 11:28-30, Philippians 4:13, and 2 Thessalonians 3:3. Take time to pray for the people you are encouraging.

SERVICE



Paul prayed that the Thessalonians would be strengthened "in every good word and deed" (2 Thessalonians 2:17). Brainstorm a list of good deeds that you can perform for one another. Write these on small slips of paper and have each person draw one out of a hat. At the end of the week, talk about the good deeds you have either carried out or been blessed to receive.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



November 11 is observed across the world as a special day to commemorate the sacrifice of soldiers and civilians in World Wars I and II and in other wars. It is called Remembrance Day in Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom; Poppy Day in Malta and South Africa, Veterans Day in the USA: and Armistice Day in France, New Zealand and many other Commonwealth countries.

Plan a visit to a war memorial. Talk about the sacrifice of others for the sake of our peace and security. Spend a few moments in prayer for those now serving in the armed forces.



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