

# APRIL 2024

## Daily Bible readings

**1** Romans 8:1-11  
**Mon** Paul writes: The One who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**2** Isaiah 26:19  
**Tue** Isaiah said: You who dwell in the dust, wake up and sing for joy: your dead will live.

**3** Micah 6:6-8  
**Wed** This is what the Lord wants of you, only this: to act justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.

**4** Matthew 9:18-26  
**Thu** Jesus said to a woman he had healed: Courage, my daughter, your faith has saved you.

**5** 1 Corinthians 10:12-13  
**Fri** God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength. But when you are tempted, God will give you the means to stand up to it and will show you a way forward.

**6** Luke 9:1-6  
**Sat** Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

**7** John 20:19-31  
**SUN** A week after the resurrection Jesus came, stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not be unbelieving any more but believe."

**8** Luke 1:39-56  
**Mon** Mary said: The Lord's merciful love stretches from age to age upon those who revere him.

**9** Psalms 145  
**Tue** God is trustworthy in all his words and loving in all he does. God supports those who stumble and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**10** Luke 12:22-31  
**Wed** Jesus said: Seek first God's Kingdom, and all other things will be given to you as well.

**11** John 16:12-15  
**Thu** Jesus said: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking of his own accord but will say only what he has been told.

**12** Mark 8:27-35  
**Fri** Jesus taught his disciples: The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously and to be rejected by the chief priests and scribes, to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

**13** 1 John 1:1-7  
**Sat** John writes: This is what we have heard from Christ: God is light, in him there is no darkness at all.

**14** Luke 24:35-48  
**SUN** The Risen Christ opened the minds of his disciples to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus is it written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead."

**15** Matthew 5:13-16  
**Mon** Jesus said: You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**16** 1 Peter 5:6-11  
**Tue** Peter writes: Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you.

**17** Isaiah 28:16-17  
**Wed** The Lord says: See, I am laying a sure foundation, whoever relies on it will never be stricken with panic. And I will take justice for a measure and righteousness as a level.

**18** Matthew 20:20-28  
**Thu** Jesus said: Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant.

**19** 2 Corinthians 8:1-4  
**Fri** Paul writes of the first Christian communities: Throughout ordeals of hardship, their unfailing joy and extreme poverty overflowed in rich generosity.

**20** Acts 11:21-23  
**Sat** The Lord helped those who were proclaiming the good news, and a great number of people believed and turned to God.

These short readings are those read, day by day, at community prayer in Taizé. The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.

**21** 1 John 3:1-3  
**SUN** John writes: How great a love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called God's children. And that is what we are!

**22** Psalms 37  
**Mon** From the book of Psalms: Find your delight in the Lord, who will give you even more than your heart's desire.

**23** 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5  
**Tue** Paul writes: God is faithful and will give you strength and protect you from the evil one.

**24** Daniel 3:51-90 (A:65-67)  
**Wed** O you who are faithful and humble in heart, bless the Lord! Sing God's praises for ever! God's love is everlasting.

**25** Mark 9:17-29  
**Thu** St MARK Someone said to Jesus: I believe! Help my lack of faith.

**26** 1 Peter 2:19-25  
**Fri** Peter writes: When Christ suffered, he made no threats but placed his trust in the One who judges justly. He bore our sins in his own body on the cross so that we might die to our sins and live for justice.

**27** Ephesians 4:1-13  
**Sat** Christ descended to the depths of the earth, and he who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

**28** John 15:1-5  
**SUN** Jesus said: Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

**29** Isaiah 54:1-10  
**Mon** God says: Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, my faithful love for you will not be shaken.

**30** Philippians 1:20-26  
**Tue** Paul writes: Now as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For me, to live is Christ.