

MAY 2024

Daily Bible readings

1 Luke 4:14-21
Wed Jesus found these words in the book of the prophet Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord is on me. God has sent me to announce good news to the afflicted, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

2 Revelation 1:9-18
Thu John writes: One like a son of man, Christ, put his hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead and now I am alive for all time."

3 1 Peter 3:13-17
Fri Peter writes: If you suffer for what is right then you are blessed! Do not be frightened. Simply proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts.

4 Philippians 2:1-11
Sat Being in every way like a human being, Christ Jesus was humbler yet, and became obedient to death, death on a cross. Therefore God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names.

5 John 15:9-17
SUN Jesus said to his disciples: You did not choose me. No, I chose you.

6 Galatians 6:1-10
Mon Paul writes: Bear each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

7 John 4:1-14
Tue Jesus said to the Samaritan woman: If you only knew what God is offering and who it is who is saying to you, "Give me something to drink", you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.

8 John 7:1-24
Wed Jesus said: My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. If anyone is prepared to do God's will they will discover whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

9 Matthew 28:16-20
Thu ASCENSION Jesus, risen from the dead, appeared to his disciples and said: Go, make disciples of all nations. And surely I am with you always, to the end of time.

10 Genesis 50:15-21
Fri Joseph forgave his brothers saying: Do not be afraid. The harm you planned to do me has, by God's design, been turned to good, to bring about the survival of a numerous people.

11 Acts 5:27-42
Sat Glad to have had the honour of suffering for the name of Christ, the apostles continued to teach and proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus, both in the temple and in people's homes.

12 John 17:6-11
SUN Jesus prayed to his Father for his disciples, saying: I am no longer in the world; they are in the world and I am coming to you, Holy Father. Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one as we are one.

13 Philippians 1:3-11
Mon Paul writes: I am confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the day of Christ Jesus comes.

14 Psalms 119:25-32
Tue I run in the path of your will, O God, for you have set my heart free.

15 Ephesians 5:1-4,8-11
Wed Paul writes: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us.

16 Matthew 5:1-12
Thu Jesus said: Happy are the clear in heart, for they shall see God.

17 Luke 23:33-34
Fri On the cross, Jesus said: Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

18 1 John 3:14-20
Sat Let us love not just with words and in speech, but with actions and in truth.

19 John 16:12-15
SUN PENTECOST 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.

20 Galatians 5:16-18,22-23
Mon Paul writes: Let yourselves be guided by the Spirit. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

21 Acts 15:5-12
Tue Peter said: God chose me from among you as the one through whom the nations would hear the Good News and come to believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving them the Holy Spirit.

22 2 Timothy 1:12-14
Wed Paul writes to Timothy: With the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, keep safe the good deposit of faith given to you.

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

23 Isaiah 11:1-10
Thu Isaiah said: God's Spirit will be upon the Messiah. He will not judge by appearances, but will judge the weak with justice and give fair sentence for the humble in the land.

24 Ephesians 2:14-18
Fri Christ came to announce the joyful message of peace: peace to those who are far away, peace to those who are near. Through him, in one Spirit, we all have free access to the Father.

25 John 14:21-26
Sat Jesus said: The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

26 Romans 8:14-17
SUN Paul writes: You did not receive a spirit which makes you a slave to fear again; you received the spirit of adoption by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

27 1 John 2:24-28
Mon John wrote to the first Christians: Let what you heard in the beginning remain in you. Then you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

28 John 12:47-50
Tue Jesus said: I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.

29 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Wed Paul writes: Anyone who sows generously will also reap generously. God loves the one who gives joyfully.

30 Romans 12:3-8
Thu Paul writes: Just as each of us has one body with many parts, and the parts do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, who are many, form one body, and each of us belongs to all the others.

31 Luke 1:26-38
Fri The angel said to Mary: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.