

# AUGUST 2024

## Daily Bible readings

- 1** John 14:1-12  
**Thu** Jesus said: The words I say to you are not just my own, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.
- 2** Philippians 1:27-30  
**Fri** Paul writes: Stand firm in one spirit. You have been granted the privilege, not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well.
- 3** Mark 6:45-52  
**Sat** When they saw Jesus walking on the water, the disciples were terrified. But at once he spoke to them saying, "Have courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."
- 4** John 6:28-35  
**SUN** Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
- 5** Matthew 5:1-12  
**Mon** Jesus said: Happy are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled. Happy are the merciful, for mercy will be shown to them.
- 6** Matthew 17:1-9  
**Tue** TRANSFIGURATION At the transfiguration of Jesus, the disciples fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."
- 7** 1 Peter 4:7-11  
**Wed** Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
- 8** John 10:11-18  
**Thu** Jesus said: There are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and I must lead them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
- 9** Colossians 2:6-15  
**Fri** Paul writes: You were dead because of your sins, but God has raised you up with Christ. He has forgiven us all our sins.
- 10** Psalms 119:33-40  
**Sat** Turn my heart towards your way, O God, and not to selfish gain. By your word give me life.
- 11** John 6:41-47  
**SUN** Jesus said: It is written in the prophets, "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.

- 12** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
**Mon** Moses said to the people: Choose life: loving the Lord your God, listening to the Lord's voice, holding fast to God — for in this your life consists.
- 13** Matthew 14:13-21  
**Tue** Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, who gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied.
- 14** Mark 12:1-12  
**Wed** Jesus said of himself: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone: this is the Lord's doing.
- 15** Luke 1:39-56  
**Thu** THE VIRGIN MARY Mary said: The Lord has come to the help of his servant, being mindful of his faithful love as God promised to our forefathers.
- 16** Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Fri** Jesus is well able to understand our weakness. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet was without sin.
- 17** 2 Corinthians 5:1-7  
**Sat** Paul writes: We advance by faith, not by sight.
- 18** Ephesians 5:14-20  
**SUN** Let yourselves be filled by the Spirit. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.
- 19** Hosea 14:2-9  
**Mon** The Lord says: I will cure my people of their disloyalty, I shall love them with all my heart. I hear them and watch over them.
- 20** Matthew 21:18-22  
**Tue** Jesus said: If you have faith, everything you ask for in prayer, you will receive.
- 21** Romans 13:8-10  
**Wed** Paul writes: All the commandments can be summed up in this: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- 22** Ephesians 2:13-22  
**Thu** Paul writes: In Christ, you are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit.

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

- 23** Daniel 9:18-19  
**Fri** Daniel prayed saying: My God, listen to the prayer of your servant. For we rely not on our good deeds but on your great mercy.
- 24** John 6:57-63  
**Sat** Jesus said: The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.
- 25** John 6:67-69  
**SUN** Seeing that many of his disciples were turning away, Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Peter answered, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life."
- 26** Psalms 40:7-12  
**Mon** Here I am, I have come and, as it is written, I desire to do your will, my God. Your law is deep within my heart.
- 27** Mark 1:1-8  
**Tue** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make God's paths straight."
- 28** 2 Peter 3:14-18  
**Wed** Make every effort to be found at peace. Understand that the great patience of God is for your salvation.
- 29** Ephesians 4:1-6  
**Thu** Paul writes: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one Body and one Spirit, just as you have all been called to one hope.
- 30** Micah 7:7-8  
**Fri** I watch in hope for God who will save me. Though I sit in darkness, God is my light.
- 31** Psalms 56  
**Sat** You have delivered my soul from death, Lord, that I may walk in the presence of God in the light of the living.