

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Daily Bible readings

**1** James 1:22-25  
**SUN** James writes: Do not only listen to the Word, put it into practice.

**2** Jeremiah 17:5-8  
**Mon** The person who trusts in God is like a tree planted by the water: in a year of drought it is untroubled and never ceases to bear fruit.

**3** Luke 13:22-30  
**Tue** Jesus said: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit down at the feast in the kingdom of God.

**4** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13  
**Wed** Paul writes: May there be no divisions among you. Be closely united in mind and thought.

**5** Revelation 22:1-9  
**Thu** The servants of God will see him face to face and God's name will be written on their foreheads. It will never be night again, and they will not need the light of a lamp or of the sun, because the Lord God will be shining upon them.

**6** Romans 5:1-11  
**Fri** While we were still powerless, at the time chosen by God, Christ died for those who were without God.

**7** Jude 20-21  
**Sat** Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

**8** Mark 7:31-37  
**SUN** Jesus took the man who was deaf and could hardly speak aside, away from the crowd. With a deep sigh, he said, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened!" At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.

**9** Isaiah 50:10  
**Mon** Who among you reveres God? Who among you walks in darkness and sees no light? Trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon your God.

**10** Ephesians 3:7-13  
**Tue** Through the Church, God's manifold wisdom is at work according to the plan God had from all eternity in Christ Jesus.

**11** Jeremiah 9:22-23  
**Wed** God says: I am the Lord who acts with faithful love, rightness and justice on earth. Yes, these are the things that please me.

**12** Luke 15:11-32  
**Thu** The father of the prodigal son said to his elder son, "It is only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!"

**13** John 15:9-17  
**Fri** Jesus said: There is no greater love than to give one's life for those one loves.

**14** Matthew 18:1-4  
**Sat** Jesus said: Truly, I tell you, the one who becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**15** Mark 8:34-37  
**SUN** Jesus said: If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**16** Jeremiah 31:15-20  
**Mon** The Lord says: My people are so dear to me that, whenever I speak of them, I remember them lovingly. Therefore my heart yearns for them and has compassion on them.

**17** Luke 19:1-10  
**Tue** Jesus said: The Son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

**18** Sirach 7:32-36  
**Wed** Give generously to the poor. Let your generosity extend to all the living. Do not turn your back on those who weep, but share the grief of the grief-stricken.

**19** Mark 1:16-20  
**Thu** As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."

**20** Colossians 3:12-17  
**Fri** Paul writes: Bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. The Lord has forgiven you, do the same in your turn.

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

**21** Matthew 9:10-13  
**Sat** St MATTHEW Jesus said: Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Indeed, I have come not to call the just, but sinners.

**22** James 3:13-18  
**SUN** James writes: Peacemakers sow the seeds which will bear fruit in justice.

**23** 2 Samuel 22:21-31  
**Mon** You are my lamp, Lord, you light up my darkness. With you I storm the rampart, with my God I can scale any wall.

**24** John 10:1-10  
**Tue** Jesus said: I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go in and out, and will find pasture.

**25** 1 Kings 19:1-8  
**Wed** Elijah was discouraged: he lay down and slept. Suddenly an angel of God touched him and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you." So he got up and ate and drank, and, strengthened by that food, he walked until he reached the mountain of God.

**26** Romans 8:5-11  
**Thu** Paul writes: The Spirit seeks life and peace.

**27** Titus 2:11-14  
**Fri** Christ Jesus gave his life for us in order to redeem us from our faults and to cleanse a people to be his own, eager to do what is good.

**28** 2 Corinthians 4:5-7  
**Sat** We do not proclaim ourselves, but Christ Jesus, the Lord. We are your servants for Jesus' sake.

**29** Mark 9:38-48  
**SUN** Jesus said: If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, then in truth I tell you, they will certainly not lose their reward.

**30** Proverbs 3:21-31  
**Mon** From the book of Proverbs: God will be your confidence and will keep your feet from being snared.