

# MAY 2025

## Daily Bible readings

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

**1** Psalms 26  
**Thu** Examine me, Lord, test my heart and my mind; for your faithful love is before my eyes, and I live my life by your truth.

**2** Micah 7:7-8  
**Fri** I watch in hope for God who will save me. Though I sit in darkness, God is my light.

**3** Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
**Sat** The will of the Lord will be accomplished through his servant. After all his suffering, he will see the light and be satisfied.

**4** Acts 5:27-42  
**SUN** 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.

**5** Psalms 84  
**Mon** Happy are those who find their strength in you, O God. As they pass through the valley of tears they make it a place of living springs.

**6** John 7:37-44  
**Tue** Jesus cried out: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink!

**7** 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.

**8** Mark 6:30-34  
**Thu** When Jesus saw the large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them at length.

**9** 2 Corinthians 7:1-7  
**Fri** We were beset by conflicts without and by fears within; but God, who encourages the downcast, comforted us.

**10** Isaiah 65:17-18  
**Sat** The Lord says: See, I am going to create new heavens and a new earth. Be filled with rejoicing for ever, for I am creating my people to be gladness.

**11** John 10:22-30  
**SUN** Jesus said: My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

**12** Sirach 2:1-11  
**Mon** If you want to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast. Do not be alarmed by adversity, but attach yourself to the Lord and do not leave him.

**13** Psalms 42  
**Tue** Why are you downcast my soul, and why do you sigh within me? Put your hope in God, for I will praise him yet, my saviour and my God.

**14** 2 Timothy 2:22-26  
**Wed** A servant of the Lord must not engage in quarrels but should be welcoming to all and patient in adversity.

**15** Job 19:23-27  
**Thu** I know that my redeemer lives.

**16** Romans 12:14-18,21  
**Fri** Do not repay evil with evil. Seek to do what is regarded as good by all. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**17** Mark 4:26-32  
**Sat** Jesus said: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of seeds, but which, once it is sown, grows into the biggest plant of all.

**18** Revelation 21:1-7  
**SUN** God will make his home among human beings; they will be his people and he will be their God. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**19** Psalms 145  
**Mon** All look to you in hope, O God. And with generous hand, you satisfy every living creature.

**20** Isaiah 40:1-5  
**Tue** Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

**21** Matthew 25:31-40  
**Wed** Jesus said: In truth I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

**22** 1 Peter 1:22-25  
**Thu** You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**23** Romans 6:12-14  
**Fri** Give yourselves to God and then sin will no longer have any power over you — you are not under law, but under grace.

**24** John 15:9-13  
**Sat** Jesus said: This is my commandment — love one another as I have loved you.

**25** John 14:19-23  
**SUN** Jesus said: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and the Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home in them.

**26** Philippians 4:4-7  
**Mon** Do not let anything worry you, but in every situation, by prayer with thanksgiving, let God know your desires.

**27** Hebrews 12:18-24  
**Tue** What you have come to is nothing that can be known to the senses: what you have come to is the city of the living God and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

**28** 2 Peter 1:1-8  
**Wed** God's promises have been given us so that we may share God's own nature.

**29** Mark 16:15-20  
**Thu** Jesus sent out his disciples, saying: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.

**30** John 17:20-26  
**Fri** Before leaving this world and going to the Father, Jesus prayed saying, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message, that they may all be one."

**31** Habakkuk 3:18-19  
**Sat** I shall rejoice in the Lord, I shall exult in God my saviour.