

MARCH 2024

Daily Bible readings

- 1** Matthew 5:44-48
Fri Jesus said: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. You must set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his.
- 2** Luke 22:28-34
Sat Jesus said to Peter: I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back to me, strengthen your brothers.
- 3** Psalms 19
SUN The law of the Lord is perfect, giving new life to the soul; God's commands are right, giving joy to the heart.
- 4** Deuteronomy 30:11-14
Mon God's Word is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart for you to put it into practice.
- 5** Isaiah 50:4-9
Tue From the book of Isaiah: God wakens my ear every morning to listen as a disciple.
- 6** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Wed See that people do not pay back evil for evil, but always seek what is good, both among yourselves and for others.
- 7** 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
Thu We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that comes from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.
- 8** Matthew 18:21-35
Fri Jesus told a parable in which a king says to his servant: I cancelled all your debt because you begged me to. Shouldn't you then have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had on you?
- 9** Lamentations 3:54-57
Sat From the book of Lamentations: You came near when I called you, Lord, and you said, "Do not fear."
- 10** Ephesians 2:4-6
SUN Paul writes: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins.
- 11** Romans 13:11-14
Mon Paul writes: Let us put aside the deeds of darkness. Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 12** Matthew 4:1-11
Tue Jesus said to the tempter: It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
- 13** Colossians 2:16-23
Wed Paul writes: Exterior rules are only the shadow of what is to come: the reality is the body of Christ.
- 14** Ezekiel 3:10-11
Thu God said to Ezekiel: Son of man, listen carefully to all my words and take them to heart, then go to your compatriots and speak to them.
- 15** John 13:1-15
Fri Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, having loved those who were his in the world, now loved them to the end.
- 16** Isaiah 48:16-21
Sat Announce this with shouts of joy and proclaim it to the ends of the earth: the Lord has redeemed his servant!
- 17** John 12:23-26
SUN Jesus said: Anyone who is too attached to their own life will lose it, while anyone who is not attached to their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
- 18** Psalms 16
Mon Lord, you teach me the way of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.
- 19** Matthew 1:16-21
Tue St JOSEPH An angel said to Joseph: Mary will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
- 20** Luke 18:18-23
Wed Jesus told someone: You lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me.
- 21** James 2:1-5
Thu God has chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised to those who love him.
- 22** Psalms 23
Fri You guide me, Lord, on paths of righteousness. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

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

- 23** Colossians 2:9-15
Sat You have been buried with Christ in baptism, and you have also been raised with him, because you have believed in the power of God who raised him from the dead.
- 24** John 12:12-16
SUN PALM SUNDAY To enter Jerusalem, Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"
- 25** Revelation 2:8-11
Mon The Lord says: I know your trials and your poverty, yet you are rich: do not fear suffering, stay faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life.
- 26** Mark 14:32-42
Tue At Gethsemane, Jesus prayed saying: Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what you will.
- 27** Nahum 1:7-8
Wed God is good, a haven in times of trouble. The Lord recognises those who trust in God even when the flood rushes on.
- 28** Romans 8:31-39
Thu Paul writes: I am certain that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.
- 29** Mark 15:33-39
Fri GOOD FRIDAY On the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- 30** 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.
- 31** John 20:1-9
SUN EASTER DAY When Jesus' disciple entered the empty tomb, he saw and believed.