

# OCTOBER 2020

The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.

## Bible readings for each day

- 1** John 4:5-42  
**Thu** Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "The hour is coming —indeed is already here — when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father seeks."
- 2** Hebrews 5:1-10  
**Fri** Jesus offered up prayer and entreaty, with loud cries and with tears, to the one who was able to save him from death; he surrendered himself and was heard.
- 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** Matthew 21:33-43  
**SUN** Jesus said: Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing and we marvel at it"?
- 5** 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.
- 6** Psalms 23  
**Tue** The Lord is my shepherd, nothing do I lack. He leads me beside still waters to restore my spirit.
- 7** Colossians 3:1-4  
**Wed** You have been raised with Christ, so set your hearts on things above. For you have died and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.
- 8** John 14:18-21  
**Thu** Jesus said to his disciples: In a short time the world will no longer see me, but you will see that I live and you will also live.
- 9** 1 John 1:8—2:2  
**Fri** John writes: Jesus Christ is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only for ours, but for those of the whole world.
- 10** Job 42:1-6  
**Sat** Job said to God: I have spoken about things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I knew you only by hearsay before, but now my eyes have seen you.
- 11** Isaiah 25:6-9  
**SUN** From the prophet Isaiah: Look, this is our God; we put our hope in him and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.
- 12** Sirach 2:1-11  
**Mon** You who revere the Lord, trust in him, await his good gifts: everlasting joy and mercy.
- 13** Psalms 119:1-16  
**Tue** With all my heart I seek you, O God. I treasure your promises in my heart so as not to sin against you.
- 14** Leviticus 26:3-13  
**Wed** God says to his people: I shall fix my home among you and never reject you. I shall be your God and you will be my people.
- 15** Acts 3:1-10  
**Thu** Peter said to the crippled man, "I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!"
- 16** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
**Fri** Blessed be God who consoles us in all our afflictions. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.
- 17** 1 John 5:14-15  
**Sat** John writes: We are confident that if we ask God for anything, and it is in accordance with his will, he will hear us.
- 18** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
**SUN** Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: Our gospel came to you not only in words, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with great effect.
- 19** Romans 5:1-11  
**Mon** Our hope will not let us down, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.
- 20** Hosea 6:3-4,6  
**Tue** The Lord says: I desire faithful love, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings.
- 21** Galatians 5:1-6  
**Wed** Paul writes: Christ set us free, so that we should remain free. Stand firm then, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.
- 22** Isaiah 61:1-4  
**Thu** The Lord sent me to comfort all who mourn, to clothe them in festive garments instead of despondency.
- 23** John 14:15-26  
**Fri** Before his Passion, Jesus said to his disciples: I shall ask the Father and he will give you another protector, the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever.
- 24** Matthew 12:15-21  
**Sat** In Jesus the words of the prophet Isaiah were fulfilled: "Here is my servant, whom I have chosen. I will place my Spirit upon him. In him the nations will put their hope."
- 25** Matthew 22:34-40  
**SUN** Jesus said: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is similar: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- 26** 2 Timothy 1:6-14  
**Mon** Paul writes: Hold to the sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
- 27** Matthew 8:18-22  
**Tue** Jesus said: Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.
- 28** Matthew 13:1-23  
**Wed** In a parable, Jesus said: The seed which was sown in good soil is like someone who hears the Word and understands it; that person bears fruit.
- 29** Matthew 20:20-28  
**Thu** Jesus said to his disciples: You know that in the world the powerful make their power felt. Among you this is not to happen. No, anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.
- 30** Mark 10:17-22  
**Fri** Jesus said to a person who questioned him: You lack one thing. Go, sell everything you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.
- 31** Genesis 50:15-21  
**Sat** 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.