

JUNE 1, 2014
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Give your worries and
cares to God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	John 3:31-36	The Son and the Father
Tuesday	John 8:21-30	Jesus speaks of going to the Father
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Keep the unity of the Spirit
Thursday	1 Peter 3:8-12	Live in harmony
Friday	Ephesians 3:14-21	Paul prays for the Ephesians
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	O God, hear my prayer
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit comes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for God cares about you.”
1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, we give all our worries to you. Help us rest easy in your care.
Amen. (1 Peter 5:7)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for loving us, feeding us, and caring for us. Your
praises we shout and your name we bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God always keep you safe. May God keep your faith in Jesus
strong, and give you eternal life. Amen. (John 17:1-3)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you anxious or worried? What calms you down?
- The apostle Peter encourages us not to be too proud to give our worries to God, because God cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Think of a time when you gave your worries to God.
- What worries or concerns can you give over to God now?

DEVOTIONS

Before Jesus was arrested, he prayed especially for his disciples, his closest friends during his time on earth (John 17:6-11). He prayed that his God would protect them, and that they would be united. In your home devotional times this week, give special focus to praying for your Christian friends. Contact them by phone or email to inquire about their prayer needs, and include these in your household prayer times.

SERVICE

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult period? Make up a card to send to them, including the words of 1 Peter 5:7 (“Give all your worries and cares to God, for God cares about you”). Sign the card as a household.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Gather a set of index cards and punch holes into the top two corners. Using the holes, attach thread or string to the cards. During this week, invite household members to write their worries onto the cards and symbolically give them over to God by hanging them onto a wall hook in your home. Write or print out the words of 1 Peter 5:7 and post the words next to the hook.



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