

JUNE 22, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST

Telling others what
we believe.

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	Matthew 10:24-39	The cost of following Jesus
Monday	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up your cross
Tuesday	Luke 14:25-35	Counting the cost
Wednesday	John 15:1-8	Bearing fruit as disciples
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:7-11	Do not be ashamed
Friday	Romans 10:8-11	Confess with your mouth
Saturday	Psalms 71:14-24	My tongue will tell
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that they belong to me.” Matthew 10:32 (NCV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, thank you for loving us and protecting us. Help us to be bold in our faith, not scared of what others think. Amen. (Matthew 10:28-31)

Mealtime Prayer:

You are so good, O God, your blessings overflow. Forever may your name be praised, in heaven and below. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you always know how valuable you are to God. May you have the faith to follow Jesus and tell others about him. Amen. (Matthew 10:31-32)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever been scared to do something? Share your story.
- Is telling others about Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?
- Jesus tells us that we are very valuable to God and that God watches over us. What encouragement does that give you?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotion times this week, pray by name for people you know who don't follow Jesus. Ask God to give you opportunities to share about him with them, and the courage to do so.

SERVICE

June 23rd is International Widows Day. In many countries, widows are one of the most vulnerable groups in society. The Bible encourages Christians to look after widows (see James 1:27) as an expression of our faith in God. In observance of International Widows Day, make up a surprise gift for a widow in your church or community. Let them know that you care for them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

One way that many Christians show themselves as followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Make this “wear a cross” week for your household. If you do not have cross necklaces, make some as a craft activity. They can be made from craft foam, nails, wood, beads, cord and more! Search the Internet for ideas.



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