

MAY 31, 2015  
TRINITY SUNDAY

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God's children are "born again" people.

## 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 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
Monday	1 John 3:7-10	Born of God
Tuesday	1 John 5:6-12	Life in the Son
Wednesday	Isaiah 44:1-5, 21-23	God will pour out his Spirit
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	A new creation
Friday	John 7:37-52	Nicodemus defends Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-30	God's Spirit renews the earth
Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." John 3:3 (NRSV)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Spirit of God, please blow into our lives and make us new. Amen.  
(John 3:5-8)

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God lead you by his Spirit and help you to live as his child. Amen.

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What details do you know about your birth?
- Jesus said that to come into God's kingdom, people must be born again (John 3:3). What did he mean?
- When and how did you become a Christian? How have you been born again?

## DEVOTIONS

Spend time researching different symbols for the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) on the Internet or in books. These include:

Equilateral Triangle; Circle of Eternity; Three Interwoven Circles; Triangle in Circle; Circle within Triangle; Interwoven Circle and Triangle; Trefoil; Trefoil and Triangle; Triquetra; Triquetra and Circle; Three Fishes Linked as a Triangle; Cross and Triangle Overlapping; Fleur de Lys; and St. Patrick's Shamrock.

Using these symbols, create a centerpiece for your home meal table or a decoration for your home altar, such as a small banner, poster or some other piece of artwork.

## SERVICE

In Isaiah 6:8, we read of the prophet Isaiah's response to God's question, "*Whom shall I send?*" God continues today to call and send many different people out into the world to proclaim the good news - including missionaries, pastors and teachers. Pray this week for people who serve God in these ways. Write a note of encouragement to one such person whom you know.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Begin all of your household meals and devotion times this week by marking yourselves with the sign of the cross and saying: "*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" You may also wish to light three candles, one for each person of the Trinity.



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