

JULY 3, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking⁺ faith home

Being people of peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Pursue peace
Thursday	Psalm 29	The voice of the Lord in a storm
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-18	Love one another
Saturday	Psalm 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’”

Luke 10:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to walk with you in life with peace and humility so that others may see and believe that through Jesus Christ your kingdom has come. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for you are awesome and your deeds are filled with good things, including the gift of this food today. Amen. (Psalm 66:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May you bear one another's burdens and know the peace and mercy of God.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
It Is Well with My Soul

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Life is filled with conflicts. What is a conflict you have experienced?
- How has your faith helped you in times of conflict?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

Jesus sees a bigger reality at play in the work of the disciples as they announce the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus sees a world in need. Satan has fallen and evil has taken root. The disciples enter into the harvest field with a power like no other. This is not something to delight in. They go forth as "*lambs into the midst of wolves*" (v. 3). With a sense of humility, they know they are part of God's heavenly work. Instead of asserting their power, they are to go impoverished, needing the hospitality of others, and bringing peace. They enter towns and villages as guests and wait to be received by those willing to receive the kingdom of God. There is conflict; there is a battle going on that requires more and more disciples to engage. As Jesus said, "*the laborers are few.*"

Discuss: How are you part of the laborers who are sent into the harvest fields to bring peace and healing?

Pray: Dear Jesus, give us eyes to see what you see and a heart to reach out to others with your love that brings peace and healing. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might you bless with God's healing and peace?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to go ahead of him. He told them that upon entering a house they were to say, "*Peace to this house*" (Luke 10:5). Practice this greeting when you visit others in their home this week. Establish a ritual in your own home of greeting others as they return from work or school using these words: **God's peace be with you.**

Response: **And also with you.**