

# Readings and Prayers

May 2019

## Chapters from Jeremiah

**Wednesday**      **May 1st:**      Jeremiah: 1 & 2

Pray for those who are trying to discern God's plan for them for the future, may the pathway become clear.

**Thursday**      **May 2nd:**      Jeremiah: 3

Pray for people who are being unfaithful at the moment, unfaithfulness comes in many forms, pray for support and comfort for all involved.

**Friday**      **May 3rd:**      Jeremiah: 4 & 5

Pray for the places in our world where chaos and despair has the upper hand, may peace come soon.

**Saturday**      **May 4th:**      Jeremiah: 6

Feeling surrounded by enemies is hard and painful, pray for a resolution to these kind of situations.

**SUNDAY**      **May 5th:**      Jeremiah: 7 & 8

Pray for those who are trying to show people the error of their ways, and are encouraging them to follow a better road in life, may they have the strength and courage to continue.

**Monday**      **May 6th:**      Jeremiah: 9

Pray for people who are crying out for help today, remember South Sudan, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka.

**Tuesday**      **May 7th:**      Jeremiah: 10

Following earthly idols has been a problem for thousands of years, pray that people would turn to God instead of to the gods of commercialism and greed.

**Wednesday**      **May 8th:**      Jeremiah: 11

Opposing views cause difficulties and problems, pray that disputes can be resolved peacefully.

**Thursday**      **May 9th:**      Jeremiah: 12

Jeremiah is questioning God about why some wicked people prosper. That is completely understandable, pray today for justice and fairness to be the way of the world.

**Friday**      **May 10th:**      Jeremiah: 13

Lessons in life are being taught in this chapter, lessons about pride and self satisfaction. Ask for help in your prayers for yourself or others where you see this kind of pride and satisfaction.

**Saturday**      **May 11th:**      Jeremiah: 14 & 15

These are challenging words, God is punishing his people for their behaviour. Where do we see this happening today? Remember this in your prayers.

**SUNDAY**                    **May 12th:**     Jeremiah: 16 & 17

Jeremiah's faith stays strong and sure despite the challenges, pray for people who need that determination and strength today.

**Monday**                    **May 13th:**     Jeremiah: 18

Reflect on the potters wheel, even when it was imperfect it could be made new. What do you need to change in your life that could be made new?

**Tuesday**                    **May 14th:**     Jeremiah: 19

Despite the pain and difficulties Jeremiah has faced, he remains determined and resolute in his faith, and follows the Lord's command to break the jar, pray for people who need to be more resolute and resilient today.

**Wednesday**                    **May 15th:**     Jeremiah: 20

Pray for those who are involved in conflict at this time, pray it may be resolved.

**Thursday**                    **May 16th:**     Jeremiah: 21 & 22

Pray for people who have been displaced from their homelands, may they find safety and inner peace in a new place.

**Friday**                    **May 17th:**     Jeremiah: 23

Many people feel they are a burden to their loved ones, pray that instead they would rely on God and his love.

**Saturday**                    **May 18th:**     Jeremiah: 24 & 25

These chapters speak of judgement and punishment, something that is hard to read as it feels like God is abandoning his people. His anger is showing. Where do we see this today? Pray for these situations. Pray also for the opening of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and our new Moderator, the Right Rev Colin Sinclair as proceedings begin.

**SUNDAY**                    **May 19th:**     Jeremiah: 26

Pray for the Heart and Soul event in Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh today where we celebrate the life of the Church of Scotland.

**Monday**                    **May 20th:**     Jeremiah: 27 & 28

The Church of Scotland has radical decisions to take about its future, pray for the debates today, that they will listen for God's leading.

**Tuesday**                    **May 21st:**     Jeremiah: 29

The Special Commission report has major recommendations for how the Church is run, give thanks for their work and dedication and pray that as this is put into effect that it will make a difference to our work.

**Wednesday**                    **May 22nd:**     Jeremiah: 30 & 31

Pray for the work of the Social Care Council and Church and Society Council who care for the most vulnerable and stand up for issues of justice and fairness.

**Thursday**                    **May 23rd:**     Jeremiah: 32 & 33

Pray for the work done by the Ministries Council, the General Trustees and Guild as they resource, train and support congregations and members.

**Friday**                      **May 24th:**     Jeremiah: 34 & 35

Thank God for the work of the Mission and Discipleship Council, the World Mission Council and all other committees and groups who serve the National Church of Scotland as the General Assembly comes to an end.

**Saturday**                      **May 25th:**     Jeremiah: 36 & 37

Jeremiah is facing challenging times, he is arrested and imprisoned. Pray for people today who are in prison, or awaiting trial.

**SUNDAY**                      **May 26th:**     Jeremiah: 38 & 39

Pray that more people will put their faith and trust in God, it will change our world and the way we are living.

**Monday**                      **May 27th:**     Jeremiah: 40 & 41

Pray for people who have been set free from the chains of sin and despair, and now follow God's way.

**Tuesday**                      **May 28th:**     Jeremiah: 42 & 43

Who is in need of your prayers today? Read the news headlines or think of people you know – and pray for them.

**Wednesday**                      **May 29th:**     Jeremiah: 44, 45 & 46

The turmoil of these chapters highlight that God does save his people, and he has saved them through his son Jesus Christ, give thanks today for the blessing of Jesus to us all.

**Thursday**                      **May 30th:**     Jeremiah: 47 & 48

Consider people you know who show true humility and pray for them.

**Friday**                      **May 31<sup>st</sup>:**     Jeremiah: 50 & 51

God broke down all the nations who worshipped false idols, pray for places who still worship false gods and idols, may they find a new life in Jesus Christ.