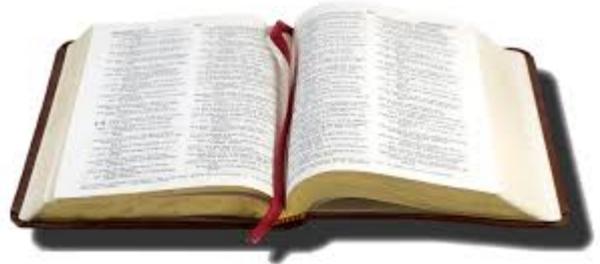


DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER TOPICS

from Wellesley Parish Church

This month our readings are focusing on the faithfulness of God and his redeeming grace. The patriarchs found that God was always faithful, often surprising them in the ways that His faithfulness was shown



Thursday **October 1st :-** **Genesis 8 – Noah**

Following the flood, God is faithful to Noah and his family, the olive branch giving them hope for the future. Thank God for his continuing faithfulness, asking for reassurance as we face an uncertain future today.

Friday **October 2nd :-** **Genesis 17:15-21 – Abraham**

Even though Sarah was old God delivered his promise to give them descendants. Praise God that we can trust him even when the outcome is unlikely.

Saturday **October 3rd :-** **Genesis 24:1-28 – Abraham’s servant**

The appearance of Rebekah is a direct response to the servant’s prayer. As we pray today let’s be confident that our thoughts and questions will be answered by God – in his way and time.

SUNDAY **October 4th :-** **Psalm 139**

God has created each one of us unique, an intricate work of art and he cares about every little piece of us. What a wonderful message to reflect on today.

Monday **October 5th :-** **Genesis 28:10-22 – Jacob**

Even though Jacob was on the run having deceived his brother, God was faithful. Thank God that, in his redeeming grace, he continues to love and walk alongside us no matter what we have done.

Tuesday **October 6th :-** **Genesis 39 – Joseph**

Even in a crisis, and Joseph is at rock bottom in jail, God was still with him. Pray for someone you know for whom life is a struggle at the moment.

Wednesday October 7th :- Exodus 2:1-10 – Moses 1

Moses' life is saved despite Pharaoh's decree to kill all Hebrew boys. Give thanks for Gillian, Fiona, and all in leadership roles in churches in the local area. Ask God to protect them as they seek to serve Him and the community.

Thursday October 8th :- Exodus 3 – Moses 2

Sometimes, like Moses' experience with the burning bush, God reveals himself to us in overwhelming ways. Thank God for the times in your life when you have experienced God's power in this way.

Friday October 9th :- Exodus 14 – Moses 3

The parting of the Red Sea is one of the ultimate signs of God's faithfulness to a nation. Pray today for our nation as it seeks a way forward through this pandemic and the imminent implementation of the Brexit treaty.

Saturday October 10th :- Exodus 20 – Moses 4

God's faithfulness extends beyond promises – the 10 Commandments give us a manual to help us to live in community. Pray for resolution and steadfastness to follow that directory.

SUNDAY October 11th :- Psalm 42

This week begins the start of the school holidays and after an extra-long term, staff, pupils, and parents will be feeling weary. Pray for refreshment over the next 2 weeks for all.

The Israelite people experienced God's redeeming grace again and again as they turned away and then turned back to him.

Monday October 12th :- Joshua 2 and 6: 23-25 – Rahab

Rahab's protection of Joshua's spies was rewarded by her life being spared. Sometimes being faithful to God means we must take risks or be unpopular. Pray for the courage to hold our nerve and seek God's guidance in tricky situations.

Tuesday October 13th :- Joshua 24 – Joshua

Looking back, as Joshua does here, on God's promises in history and in his life, we see God's love, grace, and faithfulness. Spend some time today reflecting on how God has brought you to where you are in your life.

Wednesday October 14th :- 1 Samuel 17 – David

David is successful against Goliath in the most unlikely of circumstances. Pray today for the underdog – whether that's a country, a group of people or an individual, remembering that power and position are not always a recipe for success.

Thursday October 15th :- 2 Samuel 5 – David 2

Sometimes God's faithfulness takes time! David spent a long time in hiding from Saul before he became king and then it was a further 7.5 years before he became king of all Israel, Pray for patience and trust to wait on God's timing in our lives.

Friday October 16th :- 1 Kings 8 – Solomon

On the completion of the first temple Solomon offers this prayer of praise for all that God has done. Thank God today for the completion of the Wellesley Centre and the opportunity to serve the community and share God's love in and through it.

Saturday October 17th :- 1 Kings 17:7-24

God's redeeming grace provides food for Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. Pray for the work of Levenmouth foodbank, Ruth, Cassie and all the volunteers as they support individuals and families.

SUNDAY October 18th :- Psalm 111

The psalmist says that "the works of his hands are faithful and just." Ask God to deepen your trust in his provision for you.

After Israel and Judah were exiled to Babylon the prophets reminded the people of God's faithfulness.

Monday October 19th:- Isaiah 25

Isaiah tells the people that God will remove their disgrace and they can trust Him to save them. Pray for hope for those who feel their lives cannot be turned around.

Tuesday October 20th :- Jeremiah 31:31-40

Part of God's faithfulness is his boundless ability to forgive. Thank God for this generosity and allow yourself to know the liberating feeling of being forgiven.

Wednesday October 21st :- Ezekiel 43:1-12

Ezekiel has a vision of a new temple that the people will not defile. Pray for those who are tasked with creating a new vision of the Church of Scotland, the "radical plan" accelerated by Covid-19 – for wisdom and discernment in these challenging times.

Thursday October 22nd :- Jonah 4

Jonah must learn that God's redeeming grace is for everyone, not just those who believe. Pray today for all who share the gospel message to the many in our society who know very little about it.

Friday October 23rd :- Hosea 2:14-23

Hosea describes a future when Israel will live peacefully in a fertile land of plenty. Pray for our world, for the damage done to it by war and economic greed and for a future based on peace and understanding of one another and our natural world.

Saturday October 24th :- Amos 5:18-27

Time and again the prophets tell the people that their rituals offered with lip service, without truly accepting, believing, and understanding their purpose are worthless. We are all guilty of just going through the motions at times. Ask God for a fresh understanding of his purposes in your life.

SUNDAY October 25th :- Psalm 117

As the schools go back and we look ahead to events that routinely form part of this school term – remembrance, advent etc, this psalm reassures us that God is with us and remains faithful. Thanks be to God.

Jesus continues to reveal God's faithfulness in his words and actions.

Monday October 26th :- Matthew 1

In listing the lengthy, detailed genealogy of Jesus, Matthew is demonstrating God's faithfulness to the Israelite/Jewish people. Thank God for the people in your life who have supported you in your walk of faith.

Tuesday October 27th :- Luke 5:17-26

The friends of the paralytic demonstrated great perseverance and faith in bringing their friend to Jesus for healing. Pray for all who work in our health and emergency services, recognising their skills and dedication, not just in the last 7 months but all the time.

Wednesday October 28th :- Luke 10:25-37

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus emphasises the help of the stranger – revealing that his grace can sometimes come from unexpected sources. Ask God to show us ways of helping strangers in our midst – refugees, settling in a foreign land and agencies who support them.

Thursday October 29th :- John 21

Jesus' grace to Peter reveals his patience, love, and confidence in everyday folk like you and me. Secure in that assurance, ask God to show you the ways in which he calls you to serve him.

Friday October 30th :- Acts 2:1-13

The events of the first Pentecost confirmed Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to be a comfort, support, and guide to the disciples. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all the plans for the new centre and old hall at Wellesley.

Saturday October 31st :- Revelation 21

God's faithfulness exists from the beginning to the end of time. He is part of our past, present and future. Let's celebrate that!