

February 2020 Daily Bible Readings

Dear Friends,

Once again we enter the season of common time as we await Lent. And in common time, the themes of the readings are not as detectable as they might be other times of the year. This month there are two books that I want to tell you about. Ruth is the story of God's providence in the life of Ruth, the Moabite, whose husband has died and who together with her widowed Mother in Law, Naomi, take to starting a new life together. The widow, Naomi tells both of her Daughter in Laws to return to their families as she can not provide for them anymore. As widows, they would do better returning to their families for safety. But Ruth is a Moabite, she has taken on the religion of her husband and is now a Jew. For Ruth to return to Moab would be to turn her back not only on her mother in law but God. Ruth chooses the harder path. She refuses to leave Naomi or her faith and pledges allegiance to both Naomi and God. For her faithfulness, Ruth is rewarded by God's providing another husband, Boaz, who takes Ruth in and gives her a good life. In Romans, we see Paul writing to the fledgling community in Rome to teach them about the importance of God's mighty acts of salvation in Jesus. Romans is a theological masterpiece about salvation, not through our own merit, but solely by the grace of God through faith in Jesus. The term "salvation by grace through faith" is the earmark of Paul's theology in Romans. It was this book that gave rise to Luther's reformation in 1517 and 200 years later it was while reading Martin Luther's preface to the Romans, that Anglican Priest John Wesley felt his heart "strangely warmed" by the spirit of God's love. This moment was the beginning of the movement that became known as Methodism. Enjoy these stories!



Saturday, February 1, 2020:	Psalms 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35
Sunday, February 2, 2020:	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 151; Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
Presentation of the Lord:	Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
Monday, February 3, 2020:	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25
Tuesday, February 4, 2020:	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6
Wednesday, February 5, 2020:	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26
Thursday, February 6, 2020:	Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5
Friday, February 7, 2020:	Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18
Saturday, February 8, 2020:	Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8
Sunday, February 9, 2020:	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, February 10, 2020:	Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10
Tuesday, February 11, 2020:	Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Wednesday, February 12, 2020:	Psalms 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30
Thursday, February 13, 2020:	Psalms 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16
Friday, February 14, 2020:	Psalms 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17
Saturday, February 15, 2020:	Psalms 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9
Sunday, February 16, 2020:	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20; Psalms 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
Monday, February 17, 2020:	Psalms 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8
Tuesday, February 18, 2020:	Psalms 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13
Wednesday, February 19, 2020:	Psalms 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12
Thursday, February 20, 2020:	Psalms 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7
Friday, February 21, 2020:	Psalms 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28
Saturday, February 22, 2020:	Psalms 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13
Sunday, February 23, 2020:	Transfiguration Sunday Exodus 24:12-18; Psalms 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
Monday, February 24, 2020:	Psalms 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
Tuesday, February 25, 2020:	Psalms 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6
Wednesday, February 26, 2020:	Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalms 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday, February 27, 2020:	Psalms 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7
Friday, February 28, 2020:	Psalms 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
Saturday, February 29, 2020:	Psalms 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7