

NOVEMBER

Sat & Sun 1st & 2nd Psalm 143

This psalm is a beautiful heart cry to God. In the face of unspecified hardships and unnamed enemies, there is focus on God's faithfulness (v 5). In your praying today, make God's faithfulness your focus. He is faithful to his promises and to his people.

Mon 3rd Romans 1

Tues 4th Romans 2

Wed 5th Romans 3

Thurs 6th Romans 4

Fri 7th Romans 5

Sat & Sun 8th & 9th Psalm 144

"Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord" (v 15). Life is often on a knife-edge. It was certainly so when these words were penned. Physical attack was common. War was inevitable. Where is God at such times? How do we pray at such times? Fashion your own prayer from these words.

Mon 10th Romans 6

Tues 11th Romans 7

Wed 12th Romans 8

Thurs 13th Romans 9

Fri 14th Romans 10

Sat & Sun 15th & 16th Psalm 145

This is an inspiring psalm of praise, caught up with the wonders of God and his working. So much so that praise flows from the lips: "One generation commends your works to another, they tell of your mighty acts" (v 4). Pray for God to release your lips in praise and give you the courage to tell of his mighty deeds in your life.

Mon 17th Romans 11

Tues 18th Romans 12

Wed 19th Romans 13

Thurs 20th Romans 14

Fri 21st Romans 15

Sat & Sun 22nd & 23rd Psalm 146

Here God is praised for many reasons. In contrast to earthly leaders, God is eternal: the creator of earth and sea; he is faithful, on the side of the hungry and oppressed, the fatherless and the widow. He reigns forever. Give praise to God today, express appreciation to him, naming aspects of his character which make him so special.

Mon 24th Romans 16

Tues 25th Song of Songs 1 & 2

Wed 26th Song of Songs 3 -5

Thurs 27th Song of Songs 6 - 8

Fri 28th Hosea 1-3

Sat & Sun 29th & 30th Psalm 147 (Advent 1)

Here we see God as supreme over nature, the source of all things, yet what really delights him are "those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love" (v 11). Know today that as you put your trust in the Lord and simply walk with him, he delights in you. Savour that thought. He delights in you.

DECEMBER

Mon 1st Hosea 4 & 5

Tues 2nd Hosea 6-8

Wed 3rd Hosea 9 & 10

Thurs 4th Hosea 11 & 12

Fri 5th Hosea 13 & 14

Sat & Sun 6th & 7th Psalm 148 (Advent 2)

This psalm is a symphony of praise. All creation praises God. How do the sun, moon, mountains, animals, etc praise God? Their very life is seen as an act of praise to God. Is your life an act of praise to God? Pray that it may be so.

Mon 8th Esther 1

Tues 9th Esther 2

Wed 10th Esther 3 & 4

Thurs 11th Esther 5 & 6

Fri 12th Esther 7 & 8

Sat & Sun 13th & 14th Psalms 149 & 150 (Advent 3)

These final psalms continue the theme of praise. Praise is passionate. Praise summons the best we have to offer. Praise can also be noisy – see the various instruments of praise in Psalm 150. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord". You have breath. See how much you can praise God this week.

Mon 15th Esther 9 & 10

Tues 16th Luke 1:1-25

Wed 17th Luke 1:26-56

Thurs 18th Luke 1:57-80

Fri 19th Luke 2:1-24

Sat & Sun 20th & 21st Proverbs 1 (Advent 4)

The book of Proverbs gives us the way of wisdom. Wisdom is related to humility, a willingness to fear God, the pursuit of truth and right action. Chapter 1 outlines the choice – heed the call of wisdom or the call of those who mock and plot evil. The latter call may seem attractive, but ends in disaster. What choices or temptations do you face right now?

Mon 22nd Luke 2:25-52

Tues 23rd Luke 3

Wed 24th Luke 4:1-15

Thurs 25th Luke 4:16-30

Fri 26th Luke 4:31-44

Sat & Sun 27th & 28th Proverbs 2

Note how these are the words of a father to a son. Wisdom is being passed on, though the son must still choose to heed the words. The secret of wisdom is to give God his rightful place. "For the Lord gives wisdom..." (v 6). Give God his rightful place in your life afresh this day – listen for what he would say to you.

Mon 29th Luke 5

Tues 30th Luke 6:1-26

Wed 31st Luke 6:27-49

(Christmas Day)

JANUARY

Thurs 1st Luke 7:1-17 (New Year's Day)

Fri 2nd Luke 7:18-50

Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th Proverbs 3

So much wisdom is packed into this chapter! "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding"; we can't find wisdom in isolation from the Lord! Consider where you may hold strong opinions – reflect before the Lord how much these are your thoughts and how much they may be his thoughts.

Mon 5th Luke 8:1-25

Tues 6th Luke 8:26-56

Wed 7th Luke 9:1-27

Thurs 8th Luke 9:28-62

Fri 9th Luke 10:1-24

Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Proverbs 4

The secret of a righteous life is to be focused: "Let your eyes look straight ahead". The thought here is that when our eyes wander and our feet stray we are vulnerable to being led away from God's path. How focused is your life right now? What is it that God is calling you to put your energy into? To be focused is to be fruitful.

Mon 12th Luke 10:25-42

Tues 13th Luke 11:1-28

Wed 14th Luke 11:29-54

Thurs 15th Luke 12:1-34

Fri 16th Luke 12:35-59

Sat & Sun 17th & 18th Proverbs 5

There is here both a warning against sexual sin – adultery, and an exhortation to "rejoice in the wife of your youth" (v 18). Sexual sin promises immediate pleasure, but "her steps go down to the grave" (v 5). The consequences are harmful and destructive. What does it mean for you to follow this wisdom in your life right now?

Mon 19th Luke 13

Tues 20th Luke 14

Wed 21st Luke 15

Thurs 22nd Luke 16

Fri 23rd Luke 17

Sat & Sun 24th & 25th Proverbs 6

Part of this chapter is a commendation to be industrious: "consider the ant" (v 6). The ant has no one to tell it what to do, but it takes initiative to store provisions for when they are needed. We are all called to 'work', to fulfill tasks in service to God and others. What is work for you at this time? How can you do it well?

Mon 26th Luke 18 (Australia Day)

Tues 27th Luke 19:1-27

Wed 28th Luke 19:28-48

Thurs 29th Luke 20:1-19

Fri 30th Luke 20:20-47

Sat 31st (& Sun Feb 1st) Proverbs 7 (comments with next plan)

ST LUKES BIBLE READING PLAN

NOVEMBER 08 – JANUARY 09



GROWING AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST

The following plan can help you to read the Bible in a regular and systematic way, and develop your relationship with God, through dependence on the Holy Spirit. Before you start, make sure you have a Bible in a translation that you find easy to read. You may well find it helpful to write down your journey along the way; use an exercise book or specially produced journal. Pray, asking God to speak to you, teach you and feed you. The acronym SOAP provides a model to help you read and reflect on God's Word.

S = SCRIPTURE. Read the passage for the day from the Bible Reading Plan.

O = OBSERVATION. What did you observe from the passage – its meaning? Was there a particular verse that stood out to you?

A = APPLICATION. What area of application – inspiration, encouragement, correction, etc - can you see in your life at this time?

P = PRAYER. Take this to God in prayer.

A question or suggestion for reflection follows the weekend reading.

Share your insights and questions with another Christian.

***'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.'* Ps 119:105 (TNIV)**

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