

BRIEF LESSONS (YEAR A)

FOR PRAYERS AT MID-MORNING, NOON AND MID-AFTERNOON

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST 2023

DIVISIONS OF PSALM 119 FOR PRAYERS

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June 4—Holy Trinity/Pentecost I—Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...

June 11—Pentecost II—Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

June 18—Pentecost III—Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

June 24—Nativity of John the Baptist—Luke 1:77*f*

...Give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins, in the tender compassion of our God.

June 25—Pentecost IV—Matthew 10:24-39

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

June 29—St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles—John 21:15*ff*...19

Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep. Follow me

July 2—Pentecost V—Matthew 10:40-42

...whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

July 9—Pentecost VI—Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

July 16—Pentecost VII—Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it.

July 23—Pentecost VIII—Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom.

July 30—Pentecost IX—Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

August 6—Pentecost X—Matthew 14:13-21

They need not go away; you give them something to eat.

August 7—Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:35 (Transferred)

This is my Son, my Chosen; Listen to Him!

August 13—Pentecost XI—Matthew 14:22-33

Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.

August 15—St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord—Luke 1:46*f*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

August 20—Pentecost XII—Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.

August 27—Pentecost XIII—Matthew 16:13-20

You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

September 3—Pentecost XIV—Matthew 16: 21-28

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

September 10—Pentecost XV—Matthew 18: 15-20

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

September 14—Holy Cross Day—John 3:14f

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

September 17—Pentecost XVI—Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church^[a] sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

September 24—Pentecost XVII—Matthew 20: 1-18

Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

September 29—St. Michael & All Angels—Luke 10:20

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

October 1—Pentecost XVIII—Matthew 21: 23-32

Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

October 8—Pentecost XIX—Matthew 21: 33-46

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.

October 9—Day of Thanksgiving (Canada)—Psalm 65:11

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon track overflow with richness.

October 15—Pentecost XX—Matthew 22: 1-14

Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

October 22—Pentecost XXI—Matthew 22:15-22

Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.

October 29—Pentecost XXII—Matthew 22:34-46

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” This is the greatest and first commandment.

October 31—Reformation Day—John 8:36

If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

November 1—All Saints Day—Matthew 5:12a

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,...”

November 5—Pentecost XXIII—Matthew 23:1-12

“The Greatest among You shall be your Servant...”

November 12—Pentecost XXIV—Matthew 25:1-13

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

November 19—Pentecost XXV—Matthew 25:14-30

Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

November 23—Day of Thanksgiving (USA)---Luke 17:15

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

November 26—Christ the King—Matthew 25:31-46¹

Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

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