

DECEMBER 2021

Bible readings for each day

- These short readings are those read, day by day, at community prayer in Taizé. The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.
- 1** Mark 1:1-8
Wed As it is written in the book of Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight", John the Baptist was in the desert announcing a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- 2** Psalms 138
Thu Lord, you look upon the humble. Though I live surrounded by trouble, you give me life.
- 3** 1 Peter 4:7-11
Fri Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.
- 4** Hebrews 10:19-25
Sat Without wavering, let us hold fast to the hope we have and seek to stimulate one another to love and goodness.
- 5** Luke 3:1-6
SUN John the Baptist came as is written in the book of Isaiah: A voice of one who cries in the desert, "Prepare a way for the Lord, make straight his paths!"
- 6** Psalms 119:49-56
Mon Your will is a song for me. In the night I remember your name, O God.
- 7** Acts 13:23-25
Tue As John was completing his work, he said: Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but one is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
- 8** Luke 1:26-38
Wed The angel said to Mary: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.
- 9** Psalms 18
Thu God brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he loves me.
- 10** Sirach 28:2-7
Fri Forgive your neighbour any wrongs done to you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven.
- 11** Isaiah 11:1-10
Sat Isaiah said: God's Spirit will be upon the Messiah. He will not judge by appearances, but will judge the weak with justice and give fair sentence for the humble in the land.
- 12** Luke 3:15-22
SUN John the Baptist said: I baptise you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 13** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Mon Paul writes: You are eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will continue to give you strength to the very end.
- 14** Psalms 96
Tue Sing a new song to the Lord! Praise God's name! Proclaim God's salvation, day by day. Tell the nations of God's glory!
- 15** John 1:29-34
Wed John the Baptist said of Jesus: After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.
- 16** Isaiah 56:1-7
Thu God says: Do what is right and act with justice, for my salvation is close at hand and my deliverance will soon be revealed.
- 17** Micah 7:7-8
Fri I watch in hope for God who will save me. Though I sit in darkness, God is my light.
- 18** Micah 7:14-20
Sat The flock you chose, O God, is alone in the wilderness. Shepherd your people and lead them to pasture.
- 19** Luke 1:39-45
SUN When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- 20** Isaiah 64:3-7
Mon O God, you come to the help of those who gladly do right. Keeping your ways reminds them of you.
- 21** Psalms 119:25-32
Tue I run in the path of your will, O God, for you have set my heart free.
- 22** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Wed God chose things that by human standards are weak to confound the strong. God chose what is lowly and despised in the eyes of the world.
- 23** Isaiah 50:10
Thu Who among you reveres God? Who among you walks in darkness and sees no light? Trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon your God.
- 24** 1 Corinthians 2:1-9
Fri Paul writes: We announce what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, what the human mind cannot visualize: all that the Lord has prepared for those who love God.
- 25** John 1:1-5
Sat CHRISTMAS In the beginning was the Word. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.
- 26** Luke 2:41-52
SUN When Mary and Joseph found the child Jesus in the Temple, he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And his mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- 27** 1 John 1:1-4
Mon St JOHN John writes: Life itself became visible, we saw it and testify to it. We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was revealed to us.
- 28** John 1:14-18
Tue No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God, and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made God known.
- 29** Philippians 2:1-11
Wed Paul writes: Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus himself.
- 30** John 12:35-36
Thu Jesus said to his disciples: Believe in the light so that you may become children of light.
- 31** Matthew 5:44-48
Fri Jesus said: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. You must set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his.