

# JULY 2024

## Daily Bible readings

**1** Deuteronomy 32:8-11  
**Mon** God finds his people in the desert, in a barren wasteland. God shields them and cares for them, guarding them as the apple of his eye.

**2** 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!

**3** John 20:24-29  
**Wed** St THOMAS Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

**4** Luke 4:1-13  
**Thu** Jesus said to the tempter, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, him alone must you serve.'"

**5** Matthew 19:27-29  
**Fri** Jesus said: Anyone who leaves everything for my sake will receive much more and will inherit eternal life.

**6** Colossians 3:12-21  
**Sat** Paul writes: May the word of Christ dwell in you in all its fullness.

**7** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
**SUN** Paul writes: God said to me: My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

**8** Exodus 20:1-21  
**Mon** On Mount Sinai, God said: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery. You shall have no gods except me.

**9** Acts 10:1-35  
**Tue** Peter said: I now really understand that God has no favourites, but that in every nation he loves those who revere him and act justly.

**10** Psalms 40:1-8  
**Wed** Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, Lord, but you have opened my ears. Burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, "Here I am, I have come."

**11** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
**Thu** Paul writes: In the name of Christ we appeal to you to be reconciled to God.

**12** Matthew 18:1-5  
**Fri** Jesus said: Whoever makes themselves humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me.

**13** 1 John 4:1-4  
**Sat** John writes: You are from God, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

**14** Ephesians 1:3-10  
**SUN** God has let us know the mystery of his good purpose: to bring all things together under Christ.

**15** Romans 10:5-10  
**Mon** The Word of God is very near you, it is on your lips and in your heart.

**16** Matthew 9:18-26  
**Tue** Jesus said to a woman he had healed: Courage, my daughter, your faith has saved you.

**17** 1 John 2:29-3:2  
**Wed** John writes: You know that God is just. Then you must recognize that everyone who lives justly has been born of God.

**18** Jeremiah 20:7-9  
**Thu** Jeremiah said: The word of the Lord has brought insult and derision upon me. And so I said to myself, "I shall no longer speak in his name." But there seemed to be a burning fire in my heart, which I could not contain.

**19** Psalms 103  
**Fri** Bless the Lord, my soul; let all that is in me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul; forget none of his good deeds.

**20** Ezekiel 11:17-20  
**Sat** God says: I will give an undivided heart to my people. I will put a new spirit in them.

**21** Mark 6:30-34  
**SUN** When Jesus saw the large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them at length.

**22** John 20:11-18  
**Mon** The Risen Christ said to Mary of Magdala: Go and find my brothers and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

These short readings are those read, day by day, at community prayer in Taizé. The Bible reference given indicates a slightly longer passage.

**23** Hosea 2:16-22  
**Tue** The Lord makes of his people his wife and says of her: I will draw her to myself, I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart.

**24** Jeremiah 2:1-13  
**Wed** The Lord says to his people: I remember the faithful love of your youth, when you followed me through the desert.

**25** Matthew 20:24-28  
**Thu** St JAMES Jesus said: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life to free many people.

**26** John 21:15-19  
**Fri** A third time, Jesus said to Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter was hurt that he asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

**27** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
**Sat** Paul writes: Love is patient and kind. Love does not seek its own advantage, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth.

**28** John 6:1-15  
**SUN** After the people saw Jesus feed the crowd, they began to say: "Surely this is the prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, realizing that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, withdrew to the hills again, alone.

**29** Wisdom 1:11-15  
**Mon** God did not make death and takes no pleasure in the destruction of the living. God created all things for life.

**30** Luke 6:20-23  
**Tue** Looking at his disciples, Jesus said: Happy are you who are poor, the kingdom of God is yours.

**31** 1 Timothy 4:7-16  
**Wed** Paul writes: Train yourself to live in godliness: it holds out promise both for the present life and the life to come.