

*He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with his hand.*  
(Worship in Song, No. 46)

- 9 2 Samuel 23-24; Hosea 1:7; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6  
10 1 Kings 1-2:12; Psalm 132; Acts 2:22-36  
11 1 Kings 17; Matthew 6:25-27; 14:13-34; Luke 4:14-30  
12 Joshua 24:1-28; 1 Kings 18; James 5:13-20  
13 1 Kings 19; Romans 11; Galatians 6:9; John 5:36; Acts 20:24; James 1:2-4  
14 1 Kings 21; Proverbs 5:22; 6:12-19; 10:29; 17:15; 24:15-22;  
15 2 Kings 1; Isaiah 2; Matthew 3:1-6; 17:1-13; 27:46-49

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end. Be Thou forever near me my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide. O let me feel Thee near me; the world is ever near. My foes are ever near me, around me and within. But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be. O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.* (The Baptist Hymnal, No. 396)

- 16 2 Kings 2; Genesis 5:21-24; Acts 1:6-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
17 2 Kings 3; Psalm 9  
18 2 Kings 4; Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:19; James 2:14-17; Hebrews 11:32-35  
19 2 Kings 5; Matthew 8:1-4; Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3  
20 2 Kings 6-7:2; Psalm 55; Romans 8:31; 1 John 4:4  
21 2 Kings 7:3-8:29; Psalm 77  
22 2 Kings 9; Psalm 68



## *First Cup Readings*

September - October 2011



Let the morning bring me word  
of your unfailing love,  
for I have put my trust in you.  
Show me the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.  
-Psalm 143:8

Dear Family in Christ,

*First Cup* is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in the library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in  
Christ,  
*Sandy Sturch,*  
*Claire Averyt*

*I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause, maintain the glory of His cross, and honor all His laws. Jesus, my Lord, I love His name; His name is all my boast; nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost. I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power, what I've committed to His trust till the decisive hour. Then will he own His servants name before His Father's face, and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.* (The Hymnbook, No. 292)

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Romans 1; Leviticus 18; Psalm 106
- 2 Romans 2; Psalm 62; Matthew 16:24-27
- 3 Romans 3; Psalm 14; 5; Ephesians 1:3-14

*My Father is rich in houses and lands, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold. A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there. Though exiled from home, yet still I may sing; All glory to God I'm a child of the King. With Jesus my Savior I'm a child of the King.* (The Baptist Hymnal, No. 352)

- 4 Romans 4; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 6:28-40
- 5 Romans 5:1-10; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 4:12-19; James 5:10-11
- 6 Romans 5:12-6:23; Ephesians 1:3-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:8
- 7 Romans 7; 2 Samuel 11; Mark 14:26-38; 51-71; Psalm 32
- 8 Romans 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 9 Romans 8:18-39; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Psalm 118
- 10 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9

*A charge to keep have I, a God to glorify; a never dying soul to save and fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; Oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will! Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live; and, oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give. Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely, assured if I my trust betray I shall forever die.* (Worship in Song, No. 190)

- 11 Romans 10; Isaiah 65
- 12 Romans 11; Psalm 139
- 13 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:11-25
- 14 Romans 13; Ephesians 5:11-13; 6:10-18

- 15 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 16 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-21
- 17 Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17: 5-8

*Tis the grandest theme thro' the ages rung; tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue; tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung. "Our God is able to deliver thee". Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll to the guilty heart, to the sinful soul. Look to God in faith; He will make you whole. "Our God is able to deliver thee".* (Worship in Song, No. 209)

- 18 Exodus 19:3-6; Psalm 17; 19
- 19 Isaiah 40; Psalm 57; Psalm 63
- 20 1 Samuel 16-17; Psalm 147:10-11; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 55:8-9

- 21 1 Samuel 18-19; Proverbs 10:18; 27:4; Galatians 5:19-21
- 22 1 Samuel 20-21; Proverbs 17:17; 27:9-10; Psalm 34
- 23 1 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 52; Proverbs 4; James 1:2-8
- 24 1 Samuel 24-25; Matthew 5:7; James 2:12-13; Romans 12:17-21

*Savior, while my heart is tender I would yield that heart to Thee; all my powers to Thee surrender, Thine and only Thine to be. Send me, Lord, where Thou wilt send me; only do Thou guide my way. May Thy grace through life attend me; gladly then shall I obey. Thine I am, O Lord, forever, to Thy service set apart. Suffer me to leave Thee never; seal Thine image on my heart.* (Worship in Song, No. 327)

- 25 1 Samuel 26-27; Psalm 37
- 26 1 Samuel 28-29; Leviticus 19:31; 20:6; Isaiah 8:11-22
- 27 1 Samuel 30-31; Psalm 55; Proverbs 20:28; 21:12
- 28 2 Samuel 1-2; Proverbs 16:1-7; Psalm 18
- 29 2 Samuel 3-4; Matthew 12:25; Romans 6:19-23; Galatians 6:7-10
- 30 2 Samuel 5-6; Numbers 4:15-20; Psalm 7; 48

## OCTOBER

- 1 2 Samuel 7-8; Psalm 89

*God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea. Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now. Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin. Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from Thee; let Thy Spirit dwell in me. Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.*

- 2 2 Samuel 9-10; Psalm 113; Job 36:5-7; Proverbs 16:9-10
- 3 2 Samuel 11-12; Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 6:20-35; Psalm 51; Matthew 5:27-30
- 4 2 Samuel 13-14; Proverbs 17:20-21,25; Galatians 5:15-26; Ephesians 4:17-32
- 5 2 Samuel 15-16; Exodus 34:4-7; Proverbs 12:5-8; Romans 16:17-19
- 6 2 Samuel 17-18; Psalm 35; Proverbs 19:3; 26:23-28
- 7 2 Samuel 19-20; Psalm 90
- 8 2 Samuel 21-22; Ezekiel 18; 1 John 1:8-10

*A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me—He taketh my burden away. He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved; He giveth me strength as my day. He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.*