

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 Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Oh give me grace to follow my Master and my Friend. (Hymns for the Family of God, No. 402)

- 14 Revelation 3:7-13; Matthew 23:13-39; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-22
- 15 Revelation 3:14-22; Matthew 19:16-30; James 1:9-11; Hebrews 12:1-13
- 16 Isaiah 6:1-5; Ezekiel 1; Revelation 4; 1:4-6; Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:15-23
- 17 John 1:29-39; Revelation 5; Psalm 33; Philippians 2:1-11
- 18 Zechariah 1:8-17; 6:1-8; Revelation 6; Hebrews 11; Matthew 10:17-42
- 19 Revelation 7:8-5; 21:3-5; Psalm 23:1; John 10:11-18; Colossians 2:2-4, 12
- 20 Revelation 8:6-9:21; Romans 1:18-32; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Work for the night is coming, work through the morning hours; work while the dew is sparkling, work 'mid the springing flowers. Work when the day grows brighter, work in the glowing sun; work for the night is coming, when man's work is done. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; work while the night is dark'ning, when man work is o'er.

(The Hymnbook, No. 297)

- 21 Revelation 10-11; Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 27; Psalm 2
- 22 Matthew 2; 3:13-4:11; Revelation 12-13:1a; Job 1:9-11; Luke 10:18; 1 Peter 5:8-11
- 23 Revelation 13:1b-18; Luke 21:8-19; Romans 5:1-5; 15:4-6; 2 Corinthians 6:3-10
- 24 Revelation 14; Jeremiah 25:15-38; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Galatians 6:7-8
- 25 Revelation 15-16; Luke 12:35-40; Joel 2:13-14; Hebrews 12:14-29
- 26 Revelation 13:1-9; 17; John 16:33; Psalm 33; 37
- 27 Revelation 18; 6:9-11; Hebrews 11

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne: Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee; and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave, who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die!

(Hymns for the Family of God, No. 345)

- 28 Revelation 19; Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 2; John 3:16-21, 36
- 29 Revelation 20; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 2:1-16; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- 30 Isaiah 60; 62; John 14:1-6; Revelation 21
- 31 Genesis 3:21-24; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-29; 3:5, 11-13, 21; 7:1-3; 22



First Cup Readings

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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 my 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

SEPTEMBER

1 2 Timothy 4; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Revelation 3:7-13

If my people's hearts are humbled, if they pray and seek my face; if they turn away from evil, I will not withhold my grace. I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin. If my people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land. Then my eyes will see their sorrow, then my ears will hear their plea. If my people's hearts are humbled, I will set their nation free. (Australian Hymn, No. 278)

2 Jeremiah 1:1-10; 5:14; Exodus 4:10-12; Isaiah 51:12-16; Mark 10:17-20; John 12:47-50
3 Jeremiah 1:11-19; Micah 4:1-7; Romans 2:5-16; John 4:27-42; Matthew 9:35-38
4 Jeremiah 2:1-13; 2 Kings 17:1-23; Isaiah 44:6-23; Romans 1:18-22; Psalm 51:1-17
5 Jeremiah 3:6-25; Psalm 16; Colossians 1:9-23; Romans 1:28-2:16; 1 Peter 1:3-9
6 Jeremiah 4; Amos 5; Malachi 4:1-6
7 Genesis 6:1-8; Genesis 18:16-33; Jeremiah 5:1-19; 1 Peter 3:8-22
8 Jeremiah 5:20-31; Isaiah 59:1-15; Ecclesiastes 7:27-29; Psalm 94; Hebrews 10:26-31

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure. Sufficient is thine arm alone and our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same. Oh God, our help in ages past, and our eternal home! (The Hymnbook, No. 111)

9 Jeremiah 6:1-15; Deuteronomy 32:1-47; Isaiah 42:18-25; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
10 1 Kings 9:1-9; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Ezekiel 18:29-32; Romans 7:1-8:4
11 Jeremiah 7:21-34; 2 Kings 21:1-15; 2 Kings 23:1-25; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
12 Jeremiah 8:4-22; Isaiah 1:1-20; Matthew 21:18-22; Mark 11:12-17; Matthew 7:15-20
13 Jeremiah 10:1-16; Isaiah 40:21-31; John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-23
14 Deuteronomy 29-30; Jeremiah 11:1-17
15 Exodus 20:1-21; Deuteronomy 12-13; Jeremiah 13

Before the Lord we bow, the God who reigns above, and rules the world below, boundless in power and love. Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to heaven's high king. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, thy great Redeemer own.

16 Jeremiah 14:1-9; 17:1-10; Deuteronomy 28:15-24; Ezekiel 34:20-31
17 Jeremiah 16:10-21; 1 Kings 9:6-9; Psalm 106:40-45; Psalm 107
18 Jeremiah 17:19-27; Exodus 20:2-17; Isaiah 56; Matthew 12:1-14; Hebrews 4:1-13
19 Jeremiah 18:1-11; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:8-12; Romans 9:14-21
20 Jeremiah 22:13-23; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Zechariah 9:9-17; Matthew 7:15-25
21 Jeremiah 23:1-8; Isaiah 53:1-7; Acts 7:51-53; Psalm 43
22 Jeremiah 23:9-15; Micah 2:6-11; Ezekiel 13; 1 John 4:1-6; 2 Peter 2:1-3

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today. Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own Way! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always living in me. (The Hymnbook, No. 302)

23 Jeremiah 23:16-32; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Peter 2; James 3:1
24 Jeremiah 24; Romans 9; James 2:14-26
25 Jeremiah 25:1-14; Psalm 28; 94
26 Jeremiah 25:30-38; Psalm 44; 71
27 Jeremiah 26:1-16; Matthew 23:29-39; Matthew 5:1-12
28 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; Romans 10
29 Jeremiah 31:27-34; Romans 11

Great is Thy faithfulness O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not: As Thou has been Thou forever will be. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

(Hymns for the Family of God, No. 98)

30 Lamentations 1; Isaiah 1; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

OCTOBER

1 Lamentations 2; Matthew 23; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
2 Lamentations 3:1-36; Matthew 5:39; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 123
3 Lamentations 3:37-66; Job 30; Psalm 37
4 Genesis 19:1-29; Lamentations 4; Jeremiah 19:9; Matthew 24:1-35
5 Lamentations 5; Isaiah 49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
6 1 Peter 2; Matthew 7:19-27

When He shall come, resplendent in His glory, to take His own from out this vale of night, Oh may I know the joy at His appearing—only at morn to walk with Him in white. When I shall stand within the court of heaven, where white-robed pilgrims pass before my sight—earth's martyred saints and blood-washed overcomers—these then are they who walk with Him in white. O to be worthy then to stand beside them, and in that morn to walk with Him in white.

(Hymns for the Family of God, No. 309)

7 Revelation 1:1-8; John 1:1-18; Revelation 21:6; 22:6-21
8 Revelation 1:9-20; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 5:14-15; 16:13-20; 17:1-7; 24
9 Acts 19:1-20; 20:13-36; Revelation 2:1-7; 1 John 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
10 James 2:5; Revelation 2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-12
11 Revelation 2:12-17 (see Num. 22-25); 2 Peter 2; Ephesians 3:14; Revelation 3:12
12 1 Kings 16:29-34; 18:1-4, 17-21; 19:1-4; 21:5-23; Revelation 2:18-29; 2 Peter 3:9
13 John 15:1-8; Luke 12:35-40; Revelation 3:1-6; 7:9-17; 2 Timothy 3:1-5