

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm. You fearful saints, fresh courage take: the clouds you so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace; behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face. Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain. (Baptist Hymnal 9991, No. 73)

- 18 Isaiah 49; 1 Peter 1:1-2:11
- 19 Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 2:12-4:19
- 20 Habakkuk 1:2-1; Psalm 13; 25; 85
- 21 Habakkuk 2:2-20; Romans 1:18-32; Hebrews 10:19-39
- 22 Habakkuk 3; Psalm 46
- 23 1 Thessalonians 1; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16; 11:1; Hebrews 6:12; 13:7
- 24 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16; 2 Corinthians 11:7-9; James 1:1-3; Romans 5:3-5

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand. (Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 379)

- 25 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13; Ephesians 6:10-20; 1 Peter 5:6-11
- 26 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 1 John 3; Romans 13:8-14; Ephesians 4:28
- 27 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 1 Corinthians 15:12-58; Revelation 1:1-8
- 28 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Philippians 4:10-19; Proverbs 19:11; James 5:7-11
- 29 2 Thessalonians 1; Matthew 5:10-12; 10
- 30 Luke 17; 2 Thessalonians 2; Ephesians 1:3-14; Revelation 13:5-10; 14:1-13
- 31 2 Thessalonians 3; 2 Timothy 3; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Proverbs 14:23; 28:19



First Cup Readings

July - August 2013



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,
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How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts to me! My thirsty soul desires and longs within Thy courts to be. My very heart and flesh cry out, Oh loving God, for Thee. Beside Thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; How happy they who dwell with Thee and praise Thee without rest; How happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest. One day within Thy courts excels a thousand spent away; How happy they who keep Thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for Thy shall surely bless all those who live the words they pray. (Baptist Hymnal 1991, No. 523)

JULY (Hint: In reading O.T. history, look for *principles to apply today.*)

- 1 (1 Chronicles 1-9; Genealogies optional); 1 Chronicles 10; 2 Samuel 1; Matthew 5:43-48
- 2 1 Samuel 15:17-23; 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 3:1; 1 Chronicles 11:1-25; Psalm 33:12-22
- 3 Deuteronomy 7:1-6; Numbers 4:5-15; 1 Chronicles 13-14
- 4 1 Chronicles 15-16; Psalm 106
- 5 Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Chronicles 17; Hebrews 1:1-12; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Hebrews 12
- 6 1 Chronicles 18; Romans 12

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God; But children of the Heavenly King, but children of the Heavenly King, may spread their joys abroad, may spread their joys abroad. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion! We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful City of God. (Worship in Song, No. 325).

- 7 1 Chronicles 19:22-1; Psalm 119:65-80
- 8 1 Chronicles 23:1-5; 24-32; Psalm 134; Hebrews 8
- 9 1 Chronicles 28; Hebrews 9
- 10 Hebrews 10
- 11 1 Chronicles 29:1-20; 2 Corinthians 9
- 12 1 Chronicles 29:21-30; Acts 13:13-52
- 13 Deuteronomy 4:1-40; 2 Chronicles 1; Proverbs 3:1-18

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold; I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land; I'd rather be led by His nailed pierced Hand than to be the king of a vast domain and be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause; I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame; I'd rather be true to His Holy Name. I'd

rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today. (George Beverly Shae, 1965).

- 14 2 Chronicles 2; 1 Corinthians 12
 - 15 2 Chronicles 3-5:1; Ephesians 2:19-22
 - 16 2 Chronicles 5:2-6:42; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17
 - 17 2 Chronicles 7; 1 Kings 9:1-9; Ephesians 4:17-32
 - 18 2 Chronicles 8; Psalm 62
 - 19 2 Chronicles 9; Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Timothy 6:13-19; Revelation 3:14-22
 - 20 2 Chronicles 10-11:1-17; Exodus 20:1-6; Leviticus 17:7; Deut 30:11-20
- Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His helpers other lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe? Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go? Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe, but the King's own army none can overthrow. 'Round His standard ranging, vict'ry to secure, for His truth, unchanging, makes the triumph sure. Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine, we are on the Lord's side, Saviour, we are Thine.* (Worship in Song, No. 318).

- 21 2 Chronicles 12; Isaiah 55:6-11
- 22 2 Chronicles 13-14:1; Deuteronomy 20:1-4; Ephesians 6:10-18
- 23 2 Chronicles 15; 1 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 81:8-16
- 24 2 Chronicles 16; 1 Corinthians 10:11-14; James 4:4-10; 5:13-19
- 25 Deuteronomy 11:13-32; 2 Chronicles 17
- 26 2 Chronicles 18-19; 2 Samuel 23:1-4
- 27 2 Chronicles 20-21:3; Exodus 14:13-14; Psalm 28:6-7

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God. The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men their pattern and their King, He, to the lowly soul doth still Himself impart, and for His dwelling and His throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we Thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be. Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee. (The Hymnbook, No. 226).

- 28 2 Chronicles 21; Galatians 6:7-10
- 29 2 Chronicles 22:1-9; Psalm 1; Proverbs 3:1-18
- 30 2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21; Proverbs 9:13-18; 14:1
- 31 2 Chronicles 24; Luke 11:33-54

AUGUST

- 1 2 Chronicles 24:17-27; Leviticus 26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2
- 2 2 Chronicles 25; 32:7-8; Psalm 118
- 3 2 Chronicles 26; Proverbs 11:2; 16:18; Ecclesiastes 7:8-9
- 7 Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- 8 Isaiah 61; 62:1-5; Matthew 9:14-26; Revelation 19:1-9; 21:1-4
- 9 Matthew 9:27-34; John 9; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 50
- 10 Isaiah 6; Matthew 9:35-38; John 3:34-36; 1 Corinthians 3
- 11 Matthew 10; Philippians 1; 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 12 2 Chronicles 35:1-36:1; Jeremiah 22:1-12
- 13 2 Chronicles 36:2-23; Micah 7
- 14 Isaiah 3:1-4:6; 1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9
- 15 Isaiah 6; Ezekiel 3; Matthew 13:1-23
- 16 Isaiah 13; Matthew 24
- 17 Isaiah 14; Ephesians 2; Psalm 126