

Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ, Wealth that can never be told; Riches exhaustless of mercy and grace, Precious, more precious than gold! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Who shall their greatness declare? Jewels whose luster our lives may adorn, Pearls that the poorest may wear! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Who would not gladly endure trials, afflictions, and crosses on earth, riches like these to secure! Precious, more precious, Wealth that can never be told! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Precious, more precious than gold. (Worship in Song, #52)

- 16 Luke 11:33-36; Psalm 101; Psalm 18:25-29; Titus 1:15-16
- 17 Luke 11:37-54; Genesis 4:1-16; 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts 13; Romans 2
- 18 Luke 12:1-12; Acts 6:8-7:60
- 19 Luke 12:13-34; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Isaiah 57:14-21; Ephesians 5:1-20
- 20 Luke 12:33-48; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-16
- 21 Luke 12:49-53; Mark 10:28-31; 13:3-13; Matthew 10:17-42
- 22 Luke 12:54-59; Matthew 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3; 1 John 2:18-27

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold, but the one was out on the hills far away, far off in the dark and cold. Away on the mountains, wild and bare. Away from the tender Shepherd's care. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; are they not enough for Thee?" But the Shepherd made answer: "This of mine has wandered away from Me; and although the road be rough and steep, I'll go to the desert to find My sheep." And all through the mountains, thunder driven, and up from the rocky steep, there arose a cry up to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice, I have found My sheep!" And the angels echoed around the Throne, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!"

- 23 Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 5:1-10; John 15:1-17
- 24 Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 4:23-25; 12:1-14; Luke 13:10-35
- 25 Luke 14:1-24; Matthew 22:1-14; Zachariah 3
- 26 Luke 14:25-35; Philippians 3:7-4:1
- 27 Luke 15; Proverbs 20:9; 21:17, 25, 26; 22:6; Psalm 51; Hebrews 12:4-13
- 28 Luke 16:1-18; 12:33-34; Matthew 6:19-34
- 29 Luke 16:19-31; 6:17-26; Matthew 25:31-46
- 30 Luke 17:1-10; Matthew 6:9-15; 18:21-35
- 31 Luke 17:11-19; Leviticus 13:29-37; Acts 14:8-10; James 5:13-16



First Cup Readings

July – August 2015



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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JULY

- 1 Jeremiah 31:27-34; Romans 11
- 2 Lamentations 1; Isaiah 1; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14
- 3 Lamentations 2; Matthew 23; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- 4 Lamentations 3:1-36; Matthew 5:39; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 123

Great is Thy faithfulness O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest 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, # 98)

- 5 Lamentations 3:37-66; Job 30; Psalm 37
- 6 Genesis 19:1-29; Lamentations 4; Jeremiah 19:9; Matthew 24:1-35
- 7 Lamentations 5; Isaiah 49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
- 8 Luke 1:1-25; John 1:1-34
- 9 Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56; Genesis 17:19; Psalm 132:11-18; Galatians 3:16
- 10 Luke 2:1-20; Colossians 1:15-23; Isaiah 43:1-3; 45:22
- 11 Leviticus 12; Luke 2:21-40; Isaiah 42:1-9; 8:13-17; John 10:11; Psalm 23

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free. From our sins and fears release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne. (Worship in Song, # 181)

- 12 Micah 5:1-5; Matthew 2
- 13 Luke 2:41-52; Proverbs 3:1-6
- 14 Luke 3:1-22; Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11; 16:15-16; Acts 1:5, 2:38-41
- 15 Luke 3:23-4:13; Deuteronomy 6:13-19; Hebrews 2:10-18; 4:14-16; 1 Peter 5:5-10
- 16 Isaiah 40:1-11; 52:7; 61:1-3; Luke 4:14-21; John 16:13-15
- 17 Luke 4:22-30; 10:13-16; John 1:9-14; 15:18-16:4
- 18 Luke 4:31-37; Deuteronomy 32:17; Isaiah 14:12-15; Luke 10:18; John 12:27-50

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power; He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him: This He gives you, this He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's glimmering beam. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and mangled by the Fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all; Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call. (The Baptist Hymnal, # 241)

- 26 Luke 6:37-45; Romans 2; 14; James 4:11-12; Matthew 18:15-35
- 27 Luke 6:46-49; James 2:14-26; John 15:1-17
- 28 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 4:1-37; Luke 7:1-17; Jeremiah 32:17-27; Psalm 107:20-22
- 29 Psalm 38; Luke 7:36-50; Psalm 32
- 30 Luke 8:1-18; Psalm 119:1-16; 89-112; James 1:22-25
- 31 Psalm 119:33-88; Luke 8:19-21; John 14:15-21

AUGUST

- 1 Luke 8:22-25; 2 Samuel 22; Jonah 2; Psalm 3:5; 4:8; 73:23-26

"Take up thy cross" the Savior said, "If thou wouldst My disciple be; Take up thy cross with willing heart and humbly follow after Me." Take up thy cross; let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thy arm. Take up the cross, nor heed the shame; Nor let thy foolish pride rebel; Thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown. (The Hymnbook, # 293)

- 2 Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Psalm 106; Luke 8:26-39; James 4:7
- 3 Luke 8:40-48; Leviticus 15:25-27; Mark 3:10; 6:56; Luke 8:49-55; Hebrews 11:6
- 4 Luke 9:1-9; Matthew 14:1-12; 17:9-13; Matthew 10:17-31
- 5 Exodus 16; Luke 9:10-17; Mark 11:22-25; Proverbs 30:7-9; John 6:48-51
- 6 Luke 9:18-27; Matthew 10:32-33; 16:24-28; Philippians 1
- 7 Luke 9:28-36; Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:16-17; 5:17; 2 Peter 1; Psalm 119:105
- 8 Luke 9:37-45; Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 21:21-22; James 5:15-16

Our Father in heaven, we hallow Thy name; May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same; O give to us daily our portion of bread; It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed. Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know that humble compassion which pardons each foe; Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin, And Thine be the glory forever! Amen

- 9 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 9:46-62; Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 6:33
- 10 Luke 10:1-24; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 9:1-11; 12:7-12; 13:5-10; Daniel 12:1-4
- 11 Luke 10:25-37 Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 19:16-30
- 12 Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 12:1-13; Psalm 27:4; 119:97-112
- 13 Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 26:31-46; 69-75; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 14 Luke 11:14-28; 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6
- 15 Luke 11:29-32; Jonah 3; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12; Matthew 12:38-45; John 3:18-21