

*Holy Spirit, breathe on me until my heart is clean. Let sunshine fill its inmost part, with not a cloud between. Holy Spirit, breathe on me; my stubborn will subdue. Teach me in words of living flame what Christ would have me do. Holy Spirit, breathe on me; fill me with power divine. Kindle a flame of love and zeal within this heart of mine. Breathe on me, breathe on me, Holy Spirit, breathe on me. Take Thou my heart; cleanse every part. Holy Spirit, breathe on me. (Worship in Song, # 272)*

- 12 Acts 4; 10:43; 1 Timothy 2:5
- 13 Acts 5; John 15:20-21; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10
- 14 Acts 6-8:1a; Luke 21:10-19; Psalm 31
- 15 Acts 9:32-11:18; Romans 10:1-13
- 16 Acts 11:19-12:25; Jeremiah 20:11-13; Proverbs 12:7
- 17 Acts 13; 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 18 Acts 14; 9:15-16; 2 Timothy 3; Job 36:15

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood! Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me to Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free! For, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God should die for me? (Worship in Song, #221)*

- 19 Acts 15:1-35; Romans 1:1-6; 3:21-31
- 20 Acts 15:36-16:40; 2 Corinthians 11; Hebrews 10:32-39; 13:3; Revelation 2:10
- 21 Acts 17; 1 Thessalonians 2-3
- 22 Acts 18; Romans 16:3-5a; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 1 Peter 1:22
- 23 Acts 19; Exodus 34:10-17; Leviticus 19:4; Psalm 135
- 24 Acts 20; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; 4:1-5
- 25 Acts 21-23:11; Matthew 5:10-12; Psalm 119:153-160
- 26 Acts 23:12-24:27; Psalm 91

*"Almost persuaded" now to believe; "Almost persuaded" Christ to receive; Seems now some soul to say, "Go, Spirit, go Thy way. Some more convenient day on Thee I'll call." "Almost persuaded," come, come today. "Almost persuaded," turn not away. Jesus invites you here; Angels are lin-g'ling near; Prayers rise from hearts so dear. O wanderer come! "Almost persuaded," harvest is past! "Almost persuaded," doom comes at last! "Almost" cannot avail; "Almost" is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail, "Almost," but lost! (Worship in Song, # 233)*

- 27 Acts 25-26; Psalm 7
- 28 Acts 27-28:10; Psalm 69
- 29 Acts 28:11-31; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-12:10; Romans 5:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:8-2:13
- 30 Colossians 1:1-14; John 3:16-21; 8:12; 12:44-46; Ephesians 5:8-20; Ps. 112



## *First Cup Readings*

March – April 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,  
*Sandy Sturch & Claire Averyt*

*Cast thy burden on the Lord, Lean thou only on His word; Ever will He be thy stay, Tho' the heavens shall melt away. Ever in the raging storm, Thou shalt see His cheering form; hear his pledge of coming aid: "It is I; be not afraid." Cast thy burdens at His feet; linger near His mercy seat; He will lead thee by the hand gently to the better land. He will gird thee by His power, in the weary, fainting hour; Lean thou strong upon His Word; Cast thy burden to the Lord. (Baptist Hymnal, #254)*

- 1 Deuteronomy 6:4-8; Psalm 119:89-112; 2 Timothy 2:10-19
- 2 Mark 4:35-41; 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 65
- 3 Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16-17; Acts 19:11-20; Revelation 20:1-10
- 4 Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 103
- 5 Mark 6:1-29; Luke 9:7-9; 14:25-33; Acts 21:10-14
- 6 Mark 6:30-56; Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 37
- 7 Mark 7:1-23; Jeremiah 17:9; Micah 6; James 1:21-27

*Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for Thy use our folds prepare. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us loved us still; Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, loved us still. (The Hymnbook, # 380)*

- 8 Mark 7:24-8:10; Colossians 1:15-23; Ephesians 1:2-23
- 9 Mark 8:11-38; John 10
- 10 Mark 9:1-13; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:7-15; 17:1-13
- 11 Mark 9:14-29; James 5:13-20; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 6:18
- 12 Mark 9:30-41; Numbers 11:26-30; Matthew 18:1-9
- 13 Mark 9:42-50; 1 Corinthians 5; 1 Peter 1:13-25
- 14 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 7; 1 John 1:9-10

*Work, for the night is coming, Work through the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling, Work mid 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 for the night is coming, under the sunset skies; while their bright tints are glowing, work for the daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; Work while the night is darkening, when man's work is o'er. (The Hymnbook, #297)*

- 15 Mark 10:17-31; 2 Chronicles 1:1-12; Proverbs 11:24-28; 1 Timothy 6:17
- 16 Mark 10:32-45; Philippians 2:1-18; John 13:1-17

- 17 Mark 10:46-52; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 27
- 18 Mark 11:1-19; Jeremiah 7; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2
- 19 Mark 11:20-33; Luke 17:1-4; Matthew 5:21-24; Matthew 18:21-35
- 20 Mark 12; Proverbs 25:14; Matthew 6:1-4; Psalm 37:25-26; 112; Prov. 11:25
- 21 Matthew 23; Proverbs 6:16-19; Micah 6:8

*Savior, teach me day by day Love's sweet lesson to obey; Sweeter lesson cannot be, Loving Him who first loved me. With a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move. Prompt to serve and follow Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. Teach me thus Thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace, Learning how to love from Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. (The Hymnbook, # 457)*

- 22 Mark 13; Isaiah 13:9-11; Revelation 6:12-17
- 23 Matthew 24; Revelation 16:15
- 24 Matthew 25
- 25 1 Thessalonians 4-5:11
- 26 John 10
- 27 John 11
- 28 John 12:1-11; Deuteronomy 15:1-11

*All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present. Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name cometh. Thou good and gracious King! To Thee before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! (The Hymnbook, #187)*

- 29 Matthew 21:1-17; John 12:12-19
- 30 John 12:20-50; 3:16-21; Romans 10:9-13
- 31 Mark 14:10-42; John 17; Mark 14:43-72

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- 1 Mark 14:1-16
- 2 Mark 14:17-42; John 13
- 3 Mark 14:43-15:47
- 4 Matthew 16:21-28; 27:62-66; 28:11-15

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head! He lives to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above; He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need. He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy, the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives! (The Methodist Hymnal, #445)*

- 5 Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-35; John 20:1-23
- 6 John 20:24-31
- 7 John 21
- 8 Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11; John 14
- 9 Psalm 109:1-8; Acts 1:12-26
- 10 Acts 2
- 11 Acts 3; Deuteronomy 19:15, 18-19; Romans 1:16