

JULY 3, 2016
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Help others whenever possible.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two
Monday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Tuesday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower
Wednesday	Romans 10:13-17	Proclamation of the message
Thursday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's word will succeed
Friday	Acts 13:1-12	Saul and Barnabas sent out
Saturday	Psalms 108	With God there is victory
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord. **Galatians 6:9-10 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, keep us from becoming tired of helping others this week. Help us to do good to everyone. Amen. (Galatians 6:9-10)

Mealtime Prayer:

You have blessed us, O God, with food to savor. Send us forth, your fields to labor. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always. Amen. (Galatians 6:18)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a special trip you remember taking.
- In Luke 10:1-8, Jesus sends out his disciples to be dependent on the hospitality of others. Talk about a time when you were vulnerable and your needs were cared for by strangers.
- To do effective outreach, the church needs to be receptive to the gifts (and cultures) of others. How does God bless us by being open to the world outside our immediate circle of friends and family?

DEVOTIONS

It often feels easier to give than to receive. In Luke 10:1-8, Jesus directed his followers to be receivers of the kindnesses of others. Keep a journal during the week of how you were able to graciously accept help or gifts from people. Discuss your experience with someone else. Use the journal entries to thank God for the willingness of people to help others.

SERVICE

Saint Paul wrote, "Let us not become weary in doing good . . . As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:9-10). What opportunities do you have to do good this week—in your church, neighborhood, school or places of work? Plan one way that you can "do good" as a household this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When Jesus sent out 72 of his followers ahead of him, he said that upon entering a house they were to say, "**Peace to this house.**" Practice a homecoming greeting this week. When a household member returns home from school or work, share this greeting with one another. "**God's peace be with you. And with you, too.**" You might want as well to add a hug or a kiss.



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