

Daily Devotional Diary 14 -20 October 2013

Readings for the week (Pentecost 22, Ordinary Time, Year C)

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#). Could this new covenant of the heart have its origins in the very synagogues that Exile may have given birth to? The temple in Jerusalem was seldom visited by most Jews. Now in exile they had an accessible place of worship. They gathered regularly and involvement by the laity was far more extensive; prayers were offered instead of sacrifice. Christ calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart...

[Psalm 19](#) "The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart." (NIV)

[2 Timothy 3:14—4:5](#). Paul's strong encouragement to a young preacher in difficult circumstances.

[Luke 18:1-8](#). In no ways must we compare the unjust judge to God. The point here is the contrast. God is just and willing; God is for us and not against us. Therefore pray for justice, trust that God is working for us. If we stay with the heart, we can pray trustingly when we realise the nature of God's heart. This realisation transforms our own hearts and makes us for others (for justice) just as God is for us, and so we pray in partnership with a loving God.

Monday:

Adoration Focus: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name O Most High... (Psalm 92:1)

Confession: This week we focus on a simple question that can lead to profound and dramatic change: Each day ask the Lord: "Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?" Today: Use of time.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: You have asked God, "Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?" now ask God, "How would you like me to pray for your world today?" Today focus on children.

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: (It is good) ...to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night... (Psalm 92:2)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: Practicing loving actions.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on conflict.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; (Psalm 92:4)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: Use of finances.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on relationships.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: I will sing for joy at the works of your hands (Psalm 92:4)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: Words of my mouth.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on those lost without meaning in life.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Friday:

Adoration Focus: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts! (Psalm 92:5)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: meditations of my heart.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on the poor.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: But you, O Lord, are exalted forever. (Psalm 92:8)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: Listening to God's voice.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on the rich.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him. (Psalm 92:15)

Confession: See Monday's confession. Today: Worshipping with heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared Focus. Today focus on creation.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord, what can I do today to bring my life more in line with your will and reign in this world?