

OCTOBER 9, 2016
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Giving thanks makes you well.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
Monday	Colossians 2:6-15	Overflowing with thankfulness
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8:10-18	Remember the Lord your God
Wednesday	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:1-36	King David gives thanks
Friday	Psalms 100:1-36	Enter his gates with thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 136	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well." **Luke 17:19 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you have given us so much. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts. Amen. (Luke 17:15-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

God of grace, for food make us thankful, for friends make us joyful, and for your service make us faithful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you kindness and mercy and fill your heart with thanks. Amen. (Psalm 111:4)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are you thankful for? Why?
- Do you think of yourself as a grateful person?
- In the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), all ten were healed. Jesus said that the one who returned to give thanks was made well. What does it mean that giving thanks makes you well?

DEVOTIONS

When Jesus healed 10 lepers, only one returned to give him thanks. (Luke 17:11-19). As God's people, we are called to count our blessings each day and give thanks to God. Talk together about people, events, and experiences for which you can and should give thanks. Use this acrostic of the word **THANKS** to guide you:

Thank God for ... A **T**hing provided; A **H**elp received; **A**nother's company; an **eN**joyable moment; a **K**indness received; and a **S**urprise enjoyed.

Finish your conversation by giving thanks in prayer.

SERVICE

Only one of the 10 lepers healed returned to thank Jesus. There are many people who serve us in various ways in our communities—in schools, churches, community organizations, and service industries—who receive little gratitude for what they do. Prepare a thank you card or gift (such as a plate of cookies) to give to someone who regularly serves your household in some way (such as a postal delivery person, a policeman, a school teacher). Give thanks to God for him/her in your prayers this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

An attitude of gratitude is important to the life of faith. This week, when people ask how you are doing, make it a point to respond, "**I am grateful.**" See if this can be an ongoing attitude and response.



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