

JULY 10, 2016  
EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Love your neighbor as yourself.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	The Word is near
Tuesday	Psalms 25:1-10	Teach me God's truth
Wednesday	James 2:14-26	Faith produces good works
Thursday	Mark 12:28-34	Two great commandments
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love fulfills the law
Saturday	Isaiah 58:6-11	Help those who need help
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The man replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.'" **Luke 10:27 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God our Savior, guide us in your truth, and teach us. We trust in you all day long. Amen. (Psalm 25:5)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

God so good, your praises we shout! Give us love for those without. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness guide us to see the needs of others and be a loving neighbor to all. Amen.



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Share about a time when someone was kind to you.
- In Jesus' parable, the Good Samaritan went out of his way to help the man who had been robbed. What would you have done if you saw the hurt man on the road? What does it say about Jesus' message that he chose a Samaritan, someone who was despised by the Jews, to be the hero of the story?
- Jesus describes a neighbor through a story about someone in need. If you were in need, whom would you accept as your neighbor?

## DEVOTIONS

Speaking through Moses, God told the people of Israel that the Word was in their mouths and in their hearts so that they would obey it (Deuteronomy 30:14). In your home devotion times this week, try to memorize (i.e., place in your mouths and hearts) what Jesus called the two greatest commandments:

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)**

## SERVICE

In contemporary society there is a fear of strangers. In the Good Samaritan story, the stranger becomes the neighbor. Do an act of kindness for someone you don't know personally. It could be someone at school or at work or on the street. Afterward, talk about your experience with family or friends. What was it like to help someone you do not know well or personally?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sometimes religious traditions can get in the way of love. The priest and the Levite avoided the hurt man because of a fear of becoming unclean and unable to enter the temple in Jerusalem. The heart of Christian rituals and traditions is to love God and people. This week recite Luke 10:27 each day when you rise and when you go to bed.



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