



16 August 2020

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Faith in Jesus is
always rewarded.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such
represents growth, life and hope.

verse for the week

The Lord says,
"Hold on to what
is right and fair.
Do what is right
and good. My
saving power will
soon come."

ISAIAH 56:1

Caring Conversations

Share your
highs and lows
of the day,
or respond to
the following
questions:

1

Share about a
time when you
trusted someone
to help you.
Was your trust
rewarded?

2

Jesus said that
the Canaanite
woman who
came to him
had "great faith"
(read Matthew
15:21-28). How
did she show
her faith? How
was her faith
rewarded?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith
M	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph makes himself known
T	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus heals many people
W	Acts 14:19-28	God opens the door to Gentiles
T	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Maintain justice
F	Romans 11:1-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
S	Psalm 67	May God bless us still
S	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help
us to hold on to
what is fair and
to do what is
right and good.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God
show loving
kindness
towards you
and make his
face shine
upon you.

Creative Response

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention
to make his house a "house of prayer for
all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

Use this creative prayer idea to make your home
a 'house of prayer' for others. Pass around a bag
or bowl of M&Ms (or equivalent sweet) when your
household gathers for prayer. Let each person take
a handful, but don't let anyone eat them yet. Explain
that the colour of the M&Ms will indicate the direction
of your prayers. Lead your household in prayer using
this guide:

- For every **red** M&M, pray for a member of your family by name.
- For every **green** M&M, pray for a friend or neighbour.
- For every **orange** M&M, pray for a teacher in your life.
- For every **yellow** M&M, pray for someone in need.
- For every dark brown M&M, pray for a leader in your life.
- For every **blue** M&M, pray for Christians in other places.
- For any other colour, offer a prayer of your choice!

mealtime prayer

Lord, we give you praise and gratitude, for food
and drink and family too. And also for a roof
above, but most of all for your great love. Amen.

Service



The Canaanite
woman who came
to Jesus for help
wasn't made very
welcome by his
disciples (Matt 15:23).

Are newcomers
welcomed at your
church? What part do
you play in welcoming
others? Plan a way to
make someone who is
relatively new to your
church feel more at
home, or offer to serve
as part of your church's
greeting/welcoming
ministry.