



The Catholic Youth Community of St. John Neumann

Holy Scripture Reading and Praying Guide

for the Teens of the Catholic Youth Community
of St. John Neumann Catholic Church



We Don't Know What the Bible is...

If you are a teen in the Catholic Youth Community here at St. John Neumann, I'm sure you've noticed that Scripture is used at every event, there are three Scripture readings at Mass (plus lots of other times during the Mass), and I am sure you have heard from priests, your parents, and me, your favorite Youth Minister, that prayer and reading Scripture is so important - but you may not know where to start!

The starting point of prayer *is* Scripture.

Just like the world began with God's voice, so does our prayer. We need to read Scripture to pray. What usually stands in our way is not the Bible itself, but the way we look at it. (That's called a "hermeneutic" for all my smarty-pants friends out there). We tend to think of the Bible as a rulebook or a textbook. At first, these make sense. The Bible tells us how to live well and tells us about who Jesus is and how He lived. But "rulebook" or "textbook" isn't good enough to describe what the Bible is.

It really is a storybook. Rulebooks and textbooks give us the plain facts of what to do and what to know. If God were only concerned with what we did and what we knew on Earth, He would've given us one of those. Instead, He inspired the Gospel writers to write the story of human lives, particularly Christ's life, in all the glory, suffering, and drama.

You see, stories teach us things in roundabout ways. "The Tortoise and the Hare" teaches us a lesson about perseverance, even though on the surface it just looks like a story about the recreational exploits of woodland creatures. We figure out the moral "slow and steady wins the race" before it is explicitly told. Similarly, through the stories in Scripture, we figure out who God is (and meet Him) long before we see Him face to face in Heaven.

Scripture exists for us to know Jesus personally. That's the purpose of prayer, as well. When we take Scripture to prayer, we should read it one story at a time, entering into that story and letting our own lives reflect it. Focus deeply on the human element of God's work on Earth. Christ became Incarnate to encounter people in the flesh. The Gospels are there for you to encounter Him in the flesh as well.

How to Pray with a Bible Story

You probably can think of a few Bible stories off the top of your head. Noah's Ark, The Prodigal Son, the Healing of the Blind Man, and the prophet who called on a curse on some teens for making fun of his bald head and had two bears maul them to death for talking smack... (Yup, that last one is real. Read **II Kings 2: 23-24**). But even if you know a ton of Bible stories, it's still possible you've never prayed with one before. That's okay, I was in the exact same position. Once I let myself slow down when reading these stories, I started to open up about who Christ is. We just need to go over it a few times, like a carpenter sanding down wood. **This prayer form is called, Lectio Davina.**

The steps are super simple:

1. Read it once to get a lay of the land. (It helps you to pause and mentally put the story in your own words).
2. Read it again and look for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
3. Read it one more time and focus on that word or phrase.
4. Spend time in silence and ask God why that word or phrase sticks out to you.

Example: The Rich Young Ruler

Let's take the story of the Rich Young Ruler for example (**Luke 18:18-23**). Feel free to pop that verse in the search bar or open up your Bible.

The first time through, you need to get a lay of the land. It helps to focus on the nouns and verbs (In this story, who does what and why?). Then think through the story as if you're going to retell it to someone else. Like this:

A rich young man comes up to Jesus and asks Him, "What good things do I need to do to go to Heaven?" Jesus answers, "Why do you ask me what is good? Only God is good. If you want to go to heaven, keep the commandments."

The young man says, "I have! What else should I do?" Jesus replies, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell everything you have and give it to the poor. Then come, follow me." The man became sad and left, because he had many things.

When putting the story in my own words, I have a few questions. Why did the rich young man approach Jesus in the first place? Why did Jesus answer the way He did? What was Jesus's attitude towards the man (stern, loving, angry, patient)?

The second time through, I take these questions with me. It helps to put myself in the story. The Gospels are written to help you encounter Christ, so enter into them as if you were there with Him. For some reason, the words, "Come, follow me" are sticking out. So, I pause for a few moments and read again.

Third time through, I know what I'm looking for. The Lord wants me to focus on those words, "Come follow me." So, I pause when I get to them and I sit in silence for a moment asking, "Lord why these words?"

This third read-through is the most important. It's a springboard into contemplative prayer, the kind of prayer Theresa of Avila called, "A close sharing between friends." It's the point where God's word leaps off the page and into your life. Only He can answer the question "Why these words?" because He wrote them for you before you were born.

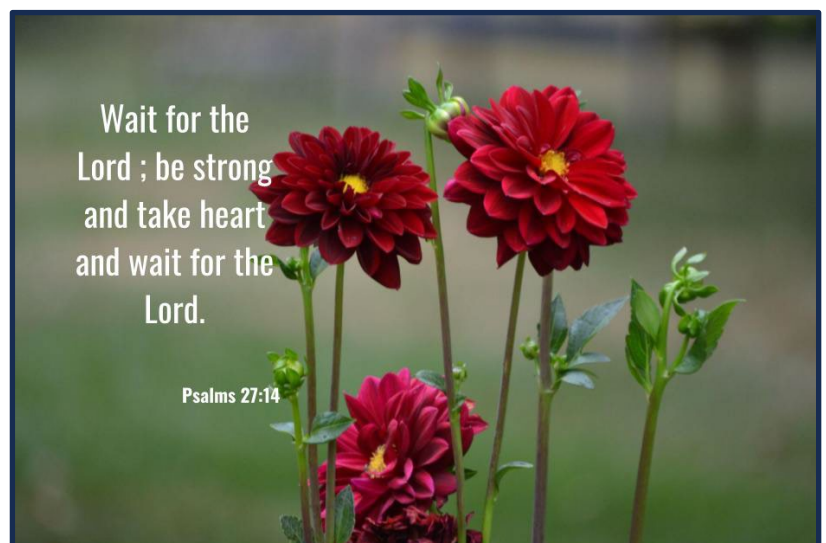
If nothing sticks out, persevere. Sit in silence for a while longer and recognize God's presence I can't promise you you'll have a life-changing prayer experience the first time you do this, but I can promise you this: God wants to speak to you. You just need to be still. I pray this guide will help you know and use your Bible!

Peace,



Jaymes Gregory Curran

Director of High School Youth Ministry



Below, I included some stories to get you started. Sometimes, it helps to pick a story based on its theme. Some stories repeat, so I listed them, but just pick one and focus on that writer's words...

The Big Stories

The Annunciation

Luke 1:16-38

The Nativity of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-2; Luke 2:1-14; John 1:1-5, 14-18

The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:20-31; Mark 14:22-31; Luke 22:14-23; John 13:1-20

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:33-56; Mark 15:22-41; Luke 23:26-43; John 19:17-37

The Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18

The Ascension

Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-13

Stories about Discipleship

Call of Levi

Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32

Call of the Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42

Call of Phillip and Nathaniel

John 1:43-51

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

I Am the Bread of Life

John 6:22-59 (Feel free to read this in chunks)

Walking on Water

Mark 6:45-52

Carry your Cross

Mark 8:31-38

The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-33; John 8:31-38

The Rich Young Man

Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-30

The Summary of Jesus's Teaching

John 12:44-50

The Way, Truth, and Life

John 14:1-14

Doubting Thomas

John 20:24-29

Appearance on the Sea Shore

John 21:1-14

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

Life of the Early Church

Acts 2:37-47



Stories about Healing

Healing of the Paralytic

Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Man with the Withered Hand

Mark 3:1-6

Healing Jairus's Daughter/Woman with the Hemorrhage

Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

Healing the Official's Son

John 4:46-54

Healing a Blind Man

John 9

Healing the Deaf Man

Mark 7:31-36

Healing the Crippled Woman

Luke 12:10-17

Healing the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

Raising of Lazarus

John 11:1-44

Stories about Mercy

The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-42

Pardon of the Sinful Woman

Luke 7:36-49

The Good Shepherd

John 10:1-18

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

The Lost Sheep

Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:1-7

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Simon, Do You Love Me?

John 21:15-19

Stories about God's Power

Calming the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Feeding of the 5,000

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15

Wedding Feast at Cana

John 2:1-11

Stories about God's Justice

The Unfaithful Servant

Luke 16:1-13

Lazarus and the Rich Man

Luke 16:19-31

Parable of the Talents

Luke 19:11-27

The Widow and the Unjust Judge

Luke 18:1-8

Wedding Feast at Cana

John 2:1-12

Stories about the Kingdom of God

Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Mark 4:1-8

Who is the greatest in the Kingdom?

Matthew 18:1-5

The Narrow Door

Luke 13:22-30

The Banquet

Luke 14:15-24

Stories about Faith

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

Peter's Confession

Matthew 16:13-20

Healing of a Boy with a Demon

Matthew 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-43

The Syrophenician Woman

Mark 7:24-30



The Importance of Bible Reading

"Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day." **Psalms 119:97**

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." **Psalms 119:105**

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" **Luke 11:28**

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." **Romans 15:4**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." **Colossians 3:16**

"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword." - **Hebrews 4:2**

Topical Bible Reading Guide

Afraid? Psalm 27; 91; Isaiah 41:5-13; Mark 4:35-41; Hebrews 13:5,6; 1 John 4:13-18

Afraid of death? Psalm 23; Psalm 63:1-8; John 6:35-40; Romans 8:18-39; 1 Corinthians 15:35-57; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Angry? Proverbs 15:1; Matthew 5:21-24; Romans 12:17-21; Ephesians 4:26-32; James 1:19-21

Anxious? Worried? Psalm 25; Psalm 46; Matthew 6:24-34; Matthew 10:26-31; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Peter 5:7

Controlling your tongue? Psalm 12; Psalm 19:14; James 3:1-12

Deciding something important? 1 Kings 3; Psalm 139; Daniel 2:14-23; Colossians 3:12-17

Defeated? Romans 8:31-39

Depressed? Ps 16; 43; 130; Isaiah 61:1-4; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Lamentations 3:55-57; John 3:14-17; Ephesians 3:14-21

Disappointed? Let down? Psalm 55; Psalm 62:1-8; Jeremiah 20:7-18

Discouraged? Psalm 34; Psalm 42:6-11; Isaiah 12:1-6; Romans 15:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philippians 4:10-13; Colossians 1:9-14; Hebrews 6:9-12

Doubting your faith in God? Psalm 8; 146; Proverbs 30:5; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 17:5,6; John 20:24-31; Romans 4:13-25; Hebrews 11; 1 John 5:13-15

Encountering a cult? Matthew 7:15-20; 2 Peter 2; 1 John 4:1-6; Jude

Facing a disaster? Genesis 8:1-9:27; Job 36:22-37:13; Psalm 29; 36:6-9; 124; Jeremiah 31:35-37; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Peter 1:3-12

Facing peer pressure? Proverbs 1:7-19; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 6:1-5; Ephesians 5:1-20

Friends fail? Psalm 41:9-13; Luke 17:3,4; 2 Timothy 4:16-18

Being a friend? Proverbs 17:17; Luke 10:25-37; John 15:11-17; Romans 16:1-2

Financial difficulties? Proverbs 11:7; Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Matthew 6:24-34; Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Frustrated? Job 21:1-16; Job 24:1-17; Job 36:1-26; Matthew 7:13,14

Grieving? Job 19:25-27; John 11:25-27; John 14:1-7; Romans 8:31-39; Romans 14:7-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Impatient? Psalm 13; Psalm 37:1-7; Psalm 40:1-5; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Lamentations 3:25-33; Hebrews 6:13-20; James 5:7-11

Insecure? Lacking confidence? Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Psalm 73:21-26; Psalm 108; Philippians 4:10-20; 1 John 3:19-24

Jealous? Psalm 49; Proverbs 23:17; James 3:13-18

Leading others? Isaiah 11:1-9; Isaiah 32:1-8; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 2 Timothy 2:14-26; Titus 1:5-9

Lonely? Psalm 22; 42; John 14:15-31a; Hebrews 13:5-6

Losing your property and possessions? Job 1:13-22; Job 42:7-17; Isaiah 41:17-20; Romans 8:18-39

Managing your time? Proverbs 12:11; Proverbs 28:19; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-36; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Titus 3:8-14

Needing peace? John 14:1-4; John 16:33; Romans 5:1-5; Philippians 4:6-7

Needing protection? Psalm 27:1-6; Psalm 91; Philippians 4:19

Needing rules for living? Romans 12

Overwhelmed? Experiencing stress? Isaiah 55:1-9; Matthew 11:25-30; John 4:1-30; 2 Corinthians 6:3-10; Revelation 22:17

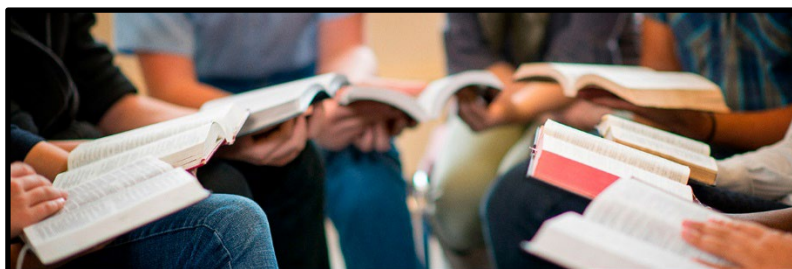
Prayerful? Psalm 4; Psalm 42; Luke 11:1-13; John 17; 1 John 5:14-15

Procrastinating? Matthew 22:1-14; Matthew 25:1-13; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Rejected? Psalm 38; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 4:16-30; John 15:18-16:4; Ephesians 1:3-14; 1 Peter 2:1-10

Seeking forgiveness? Psalm 32:1-5; Psalm 51; Proverbs 28:13; Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 15; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 1:5-10

Seeking God's help? Psalm 5; 57; 86; 119:169-176; 121; Psalm 130; Matthew 7:7-12



Seeking salvation? John 3:1-21;
Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:21-31;
Romans 5:1-11; Romans 10:5-13;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Ephesians 2:1-10

Sick or in pain? Psalm 38; Matthew
26:39; Mark 1:29-34; Romans 5:3-5; 2
Corinthians 12:9-10; 1 Peter 4:12-13

Suffering or persecuted? Psalm
119:153-160; Matthew 5:3-12; Romans
8:18-30; 2 Corinthians 4:1-15; Hebrews
12:1-11

Tempted? Psalm 19:12-14; Psalm 141;
Luke 4:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:12-14;

Hebrews 2:11-18; Hebrews 4:14-16;
James 1:12-18

Tempted by sex? 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Galatians 5:16-
26

Thankful? Psalm 100; 1 Thessalonians
5:18; Hebrews 13:15

Tired? Weary? Psalm 3:5,6; Psalm 4:4-
8; Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:25-30; 2
Thessalonians 3:16; Hebrews 4:1-11

Feeling useless? Inferior? Isaiah 6:1-8;
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Galatians 1:11-24;
Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Outline for Chronological Bible Study

The Old Testament

A. The Beginning

- Creation **Genesis 1-2**
- The fall into sin **Genesis 3**
- Cain and Abel **Genesis 4**
- Noah and the flood **Genesis 6-9**
- The tower of Babel **Genesis 11:1-9**

B. The Patriarchs

- The call of Abraham **Genesis 12:1-9**
- God's covenant with Abram **Genesis 15-17**
- Sodom and Gomorrah **Genesis 18-19**

- The birth of Isaac **Genesis 21:1-8**
- Abraham sacrifices Isaac **Genesis 22:1-19**
- Isaac and Rebecca **Genesis 24**
- Jacob and Esau **Genesis 25:19-34 & 27**
- Jacob marries Rachel and Leah **Genesis 28:10-22 & 29:1-30**
- Jacob wrestles with an angel **Genesis 32:22-32**
- Joseph and his brothers **Genesis 37**
- Joseph in Egypt **Genesis 41-45**
- The suffering of Job **Job 1-3 & 38-39 & 42**

C. The Exodus from Egypt

- Israel and Moses in Egypt **Exodus 1-3**
- The 10 plagues **Exodus 7-11**
- The Exodus **Exodus 12**
- The crossing of the Red Sea **Exodus 13-14**
- Manna and Quail **Exodus 16**
- Water from the rock **Exodus 17:1-7**
- The 10 commandments **Exodus 19:1-20:21**
- The day of atonement **Leviticus 16**
- Rewards & punishments **Leviticus 26**
- The rebellion **Numbers 13-14**
- Israel in the wilderness **Numbers 20-21**
- Israel opposed by Balaam **Numbers 22-24**
- Driving out the nations **Deuteronomy 7**
- Blessings and curses **Deuteronomy 27-28**
- Death of Moses **Deuteronomy 34**

D. Israel in Canaan

- Rahab and the spies **Joshua 2**
- Crossing the Jordan **Joshua 3-4**
- The battle of Jericho **Joshua 6**
- Achan's sin **Joshua 7**
- Joshua's long day **Joshua 10:1-15**
- The pattern of Judges **Judges 2**
- Deborah and Barak **Judges 4**
- Gideon the judge **Judges 6-7**
- Samson the judge **Judges 13-16**
- The Moabitess Ruth **Ruth 1-4**
- The prophet Samuel **1 Samuel 1-3**

- King Saul **1 Samuel 8-10**

E. King David

- David **1 Samuel 15-19**
- Saul and the Witch **1 Samuel 28**
- Saul's death **1 Samuel 31**
- David becomes king **2 Samuel 2:1-7**
- God's promise for David **Samuel 7**
- David and Bathsheba **2 Samuel 11-12**
- David and his son Absalom **2 Samuel 15 & 18**
- David's psalm of thanks **2 Samuel 22**
- The wicked and the righteous **Psalms 1**
- God's glory & man's dominion **Psalms 8**
- The works and words of God **Psalms 19**
- The Shepherd Psalm **Psalms 23**
- Trust in the Lord **Psalms 27**
- Seek after the Lord **Psalms 42**
- Confession and forgiveness **Psalms 51**
- God's compassion **Psalms 103**
- Praise the Lord **Psalms 148 & 150**

F. King Solomon

- Solomon's wisdom **1 Kings 3**
- Solomon's temple **1 Kings 6-7**
- The queen of Sheba **1 Kings 10**
- Benefits of wisdom **Proverbs 3**
- Wisdom and her rewards **Proverbs 8**
- The gentle answer **Proverbs 15**
- The noble wife **Proverbs 31:10-31**
- Remember your creator **Ecclesiastes 11:6-12:14**

- Song of Love **Song of Songs 4**
- Solomon's sin and death **1 Kings 11**

G. The Divided Kingdom

- The divided kingdom **1 Kings 12**
- The prophet Elijah **1 Kings 18:16-46**
- The prophet Elisha **2 Kings 2 & 4-6**
- The prophet Jonah **Jonah 1-4**
- The prophet Hosea **Hosea 1-3**
- The fall of Israel **2 Kings 17**
- False religion worthless **Jeremiah 7**
- Hezekiah's illness **2 Kings 20**

H. The Exile

- The fall of Jerusalem **2 Kings 25**
- New mercies every day **Lamentations 3:1-33**
- Daniel **Daniel 1-6**
- Esther **Esther 1-10**

The New Testament

A. Christ's Preparation

- John the Baptist **Luke 1:-66**
- The birth of Christ **Luke 2:1-20**
- Flight to Egypt **Mathew 2:13-23**
- Jesus named **Luke 2:21-40**
- The young Jesus **Luke 2:41-52**
- Jesus baptized **Matthew 3**
- Jesus tempted **Matthew 4:1-17**
- The 12 disciples **Matthew 4:18-25 & 10**
- The transfiguration **Matthew 17:1-13**



- Shepherds and sheep **Ezekiel 34**
- The dry bones **Ezekiel 37**

I. Return From Exile

- Return under Cyrus **Ezra 1**
- The temple rebuilt **Ezra 6**
- Sin of intermarriage **Ezra 9-10:18**
- The walls rebuilt **Nehemiah 2 & 6**
- Final reforms **Nehemiah 13**

J. Prophecies About Christ

- To us a son is born **Isaiah 9:1-7**
- The branch from Jesse **Isaiah 11**
- Comfort for God's people **Isaiah 40**
- The suffering servant **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**
- Invitation to the thirsty **Isaiah 55**
- The new covenant **Jeremiah 31:23-34**

B. Christ's Teaching and Parables

- The Sermon on the Mount **Matthew 5-7**
- The sower **Matthew 13:1-23**
- The kingdom of heaven **Matthew 13:24-52**
- The unforgiving servant **Matthew 18:23-35**
- The workers in the vineyard **Matthew 20:1-16**
- The wedding feast **Matthew 22:1-14**
- The great commandment **Matthew 22:37-39**
- The 10 virgins **Matthew 25:1-13**

- The sheep and goats **Matthew 25:31-46**
- The good Samaritan **Luke 10:25-37**
- The lost sheep, coin & son **Luke 15:1-32**
- The good shepherd **John 10:1-21**
- The high-priestly prayer **John 17**

C. Christ's Miracles

- Water into wine **John 2:1-22**
- Calming of a storm **Matthew 8:23-27**
- Casting out demons **Matthew 8:28-34 & 17:14-21**
- Healing the blind **Matthew 9:27-31**
- Healing paralyzed **Matthew 12:1-14**
- Feeding thousands **Matthew 14:13-21 & 15:29-39**
- Walking on water **Matthew 14:22-36**
- Raising the dead **John 11:1-44**

D. Christ's Death and Resurrection

- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem **Matthew 21:1-17**
- The Last Supper **Matthew 26:17-35**
- Gethsemane **Matthew 26:36-46**
- Arrest, trial, and crucifixion **Matthew 26:47-27:66**
- Resurrection **Matthew 28:1-20**
- The ascension **Acts 1:1-12**

E. The Early Church

- The coming of the Spirit **Acts 2**
- Ananias and Sapphira **Acts 5:1-11**
- Death of Stephen **Acts 6-7**

- Philip and the Ethiopian **Acts 8:26-39**
- Conversion of Paul **Acts 9:1-31**
- Peter and Cornelius **Acts 10**
- Peter in prison **Acts 12:1-19**
- Paul in Philippi **Acts 16:11-40**
- Paul's shipwreck **Acts 27-28**

F. The Letters

- Righteousness in Christ **Romans 3:9-31**
- Security in the Spirit **Romans 8**
- Life of service **Romans 12**
- The church **1 Corinthians 12**
- Love **1 Corinthians 13**
- The Resurrection **1 Corinthians 15**
- At home with Christ **2 Corinthians 5**
- Live by the Spirit **Galatians 5:16-25**
- Election **Ephesians 1**
- Live as children of light **Ephesians 4:17-5:21**
- The armor of God **Ephesians 6:10-20**
- Rejoicing always **Philippians 4:4-20**
- Holy living **Colossians 3**
- Faith **Hebrews 11**
- Faith and works **James 2:14-26**
- The tongue **James 3:1-12**
- Suffering **1 Peter 3:8-17 & 4:12-19**
- Christ's return **2 Peter 3**
- Walking in light and love **1 John 1-5**
- Practice and protect the truth **2 John 1**
- Christ's return and judgment **Revelation 19-22**

Scripture Guide to Service

Ex 22:20-27	Justice and mercy toward strangers, orphans, widows, and neighbors
Lv 19:9-18	Treat your neighbor with mercy; love your neighbor as yourself
Dt 24:17-22	Justice toward strangers, orphans, widows
Ps 9:7-12,18	God rules the world with justice
Ps 41:1-3	Regard for the lowly and the poor
Ps 68:5-6	God's care for the helpless and homeless
Ps 72	God liberates and defends the poor and oppressed
Ps 82	No more mockery of justice
Ps 96:10-13	God judges the people with justice
Ps 103	Yahweh is always on the side of the oppressed
Ps 140:12	God defends the cause of the poor
Ps 146:1-10	Creator and God of the oppressed
Ps 146:6-9	The Lord gives justice and liberty
Is 58:1-12	God doesn't want empty worship but a conversion of the heart
Is 61:1-2	Mission of Christ foretold, good news to the poor; liberation
Mt 5:38-48	Give your coat; walk the extra mile
Mt 19:16-30	The rich young man (also: Mk 10:17-31, Lk 18:18-30)
Mt 20:26-28	Christians must be servants
Mt 25:31-46	Whatever we do to our neighbor, we do to Christ
Lk 1:52-53	Mary's song of praise; God exalts the poor and lowers the rich
Lk 3:10-18	John the Baptist's call to share extra clothing, food
Lk 4:16-30	Jesus announces his mission to liberate people
Lk 6:20-26	Beatitudes, condemnation of oppressive and complacent rich
Lk 7:18-23	Tell John what you see; the Good News is preached
Lk 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan
Lk 12:32-34	Sell and give alms; your heart will be where your riches are
Lk 16:19-31	The story of Lazarus and the rich man
Lk 19:7-9	Zaccheus: conversion, repentance, and restitution
Jn 6:5-13	Christ feeds the hungry
Jn 13:1-15	Jesus, the Suffering Servant, washes the feet of the disciples.
Acts 2:43-47	The first Christian community shared everything
Acts 4:32-35	True Christian community; possessions shared
Rm 12:10-18	Make hospitality your special care; make friends with the poor
2Cor 8:1-15	Be generous in sharing with the needy
2Cor 9:1-15	Give gladly
Jas 1:22-27	Be doers, not only hearers of the word
Jas 2:1-17	Love your neighbor, faith without actions is dead
1 Pt 4:7-11	Put your gifts at the service of others
1 Jn 4:19-21	We can't love God without loving neighbor

Do you need a Bible?

Ask Jaymes Gregory Curran,
the parish Youth Minister!
He will gladly give you a free one!





“GIVE ME AN
INCREASING
LOVE FOR YOUR
PEOPLE, LORD.
TEACH ME HOW
TO LIVE!”

— St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann,
pray for us!



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