

# OCTOBER 2020

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This month many of the readings are centered around the law and, in the New Testament readings, what the law means in light of the incarnation. It is difficult for us to give full appreciation to the value of the law for Jewish faith communities past and present. Yet, Psalm 119, which appears throughout this month's readings, thanks and praises God for giving the law. As you read, consider how talk of the law can be viewed as edifying and life-giving for the community, rather than a drudgery of things which cannot be done. May these words take on new life in your families and communities this month.

## **PRAYER FOR OCTOBER:**

O Still Speaking God,  
throughout history and the wide world  
you have gathered people around your Word  
to instruct and inspire.  
We give thanks for all  
who have received your vision  
and shaped diverse and faithful communities  
to follow in your Way.

Continue to open that vision to us,  
that we may become transformed  
by the renewing of your Word in our hearts.  
Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other.  
Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds;  
Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph.  
We desire to be your children and  
we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.

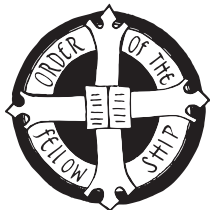
—*Reformation and Reconciliation, LT Leticia Rouser.*

## **PRAYER PRACTICE:**

This month, many of the psalms reflect upon the glory, goodness, and might of God. Each week, choose a sentence or short phrase from one of the psalms to remember and pray throughout the day. Let the words of the psalmists be reminders to you of the presence and glory of God, whether they are spoken in moments of struggle or heartfelt praise.

## **FASTING PRACTICE:**

October is a harvest month in northern climes. Fast from eating out and send those extra funds to help folks whose harvests have been meager this year because of climate change, violence, or pestilence.



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## WEEK 1

OCT 1-3

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 19
- Exodus 23:1-9
- Colossians 2:16-23

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 19
- Exodus 23:14-19
- Phil 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 19
  - Exodus 23:10-13
  - John 7:40-52
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## WEEK 2

OCT 4-10

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm 19
- Phil 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

### MONDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 5:1-21
- 1 Peter 2:4-10

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 5:22-6:3
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 119:49-56
- Deut 6:10-25
- John 11:45-57

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Exodus 24:1-8
- 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Exodus 24:9-11
- James 4:4-10

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
  - Exodus 24:12-18
  - Mark 2:18-22
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## WEEK 3

OCT 11-17

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Phil 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

### MONDAY

- Psalm 97
- Exodus 32:15-35
- Jude 17-25

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 97
- Exodus 33:1-6
- Phil 3:13-4:1

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 97
- 2 Kings 17:7-20
- John 6:25-35

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 99
- Exodus 33:7-11
- 3 John 9-12

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 99
- Exodus 31:1-11
- 1 Peter 5:1-5

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 99
  - Exodus 39:32-43
  - Matthew 14:1-12
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## WEEK 4

OCT 18-24

### SUNDAY

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- 1 Thess 1:1-10
- Matthew 22:15-22

### MONDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Exodus 40:34-38
- Rev 18:1-10, 19-20

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Numbers 12:1-9
- Rev 18:21-24

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 63:1-8
- Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9
- Matthew 17:22-27

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Deut 31:14-22
- Titus 1:5-16

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Deut 32:1-14, 18
- Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
  - Deut 32:44-47
  - John 5:39-47
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## WEEK 5

OCT 25-31

### SUNDAY

- Deut 34:1-12
- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- 1 Thess 2:1-8
- Matthew 22:34-46

### MONDAY

- Psalm 119:41-48
- Numbers 33:38-39
- James 2:8-13

### TUESDAY

- Psalm 119:41-48
- Exodus 34:29-35
- James 2:14-26

### WEDNESDAY

- Psalm 119:41-48
- Deut 26:16-27:7
- Matthew 19:16-22

### THURSDAY

- Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
- Joshua 1:1-11
- Romans 2:17-29

### FRIDAY

- Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
- Joshua 2:1-14
- 2 Peter 2:1-3

### SATURDAY

- Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
- Joshua 2:15-24
- Matthew 23:13-28