



# — The Bread of Life —

## Daily Bible readings for home devotions during 2010

*This program of Bible readings is built on the framework of Scripture readings used at Messiah of Eau Claire during 2006. Sundays are omitted, as indicated by a line below Saturday's date. May our Lord Jesus bless you richly by His Spirit with His Word!*

### — JANUARY —

Date	Scripture	Thought prompted by the text	Hymn
1	John 1:1-13	Jesus has lived before the Beginning.	116
2	John 1:14-28	Of His fullness we have all received.	398
4	Psalms 33:1-22	Let us rejoice in the LORD this new year!	124
5	Luke 4:16-21	God opened His heart to His friends.	123
6	1 Timothy 6:11-19	A good confession is a strong point.	121
7	Colossians 1:19-23	Jesus, keep us in Your good graces!	348
8	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus was anointed for His Savior-work.	134
9	1 Kings 19:1-18	God does miracles also by whispering.	249
11	Psalms 122	God invites us! Let's go to His house!	13
12	John 1:35-51	Look! Here's the Lamb of God!	358
13	Hebrews 3:1-14	Jesus has many winning attributes.	353
14	1 Corinthians 1:20-31	We belong to God with and in Jesus.	381
15	Luke 2:41-52	Jesus accepted the harness of the Law.	133
<u>16</u>	Romans 12:1-5	God has dealt a measure to each of us.	472
18	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	His Word is the gold standard.	294
19	John 3:22-36	Jesus came to speak His Father's Word.	297
20	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Paul's work was really God's work.	496
21	Galatians 1:6-16	There are good salesmen in pulpits.	492
22	John 12:1-11	Concentrate on the Maker, not the vintage.	131
<u>23</u>	Romans 12:6-16	Overwhelmed by 27 admonitions?	406
25	Isaiah 61:1-7	What a great rescue and comfort is ours!	352
26	John 4:5-29	How lovely shines the Morning Star!	343
27	Romans 1:13-25	We are freed from Satan's chain-gang!	383
28	1 Timothy 6:1-5	You are God's child also at your job.	33
29	Romans 12:17-21	Life is programmed by the heart/soul.	412
<u>30</u>	Matthew 8:1-13	Help others with your skills and resources!	532

### — FEBRUARY —

1	Job 7:1-7	Jesus is the answer to life's problems.	348
2	John 12:44-50	We listen to everything Jesus has to say.	296
3	1 Corinthians 8	Brotherly love is the better way.	464
4	Mark 8:34-38	What is self-denial but love for others?	346
5	Romans 14:1-10	Love turns options into opportunities.	400

<u>6</u>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Love changes burdens to blessings.	36
8	Jeremiah 24:1-10	#1 quality is good enough for His use.	295
9	John 5:1-18	Jesus gives the best Bethesda healing.	379
10	Romans 8:1-11	Jesus knows good and bad figs; do we?	31
11	1 John 5:14-21	God puts His good product in His basket.	389
12	Matthew 13:24-30	God has ways of weeding His grain-field.	571
<u>13</u>	Colossians 3:12-17	Let us “walk the walk” of God’s choosing!	409
15	1 Peter 1:16-21	In the afterglow of the Transfiguration --	135
16	Exodus 19:3-8	A covenant broken is dysfunctional.	28
17	Luke 9:18-26	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
		“Who do <b>you</b> say that I am?”	353
18	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Empowered to be faithful followers --	410
19	Matthew 20:1-16	The privilege is ours to serve Jesus for life.	405
<u>20</u>	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5	Lessons can be learned from history.	416
22	Micah 6:1-8	The real problem is a wrong attitude.	449
23	Micah 6:9-16	What does this mean for us personally?	447
24	Matthew 5:1-12	Blessings multiply more blessings.	529
25	Luke 6:20-26	Without His blessing--big troubles!	413
26	1 Corinthians 1:16-31	God works with improbable means.	366
<u>27</u>	Colossians 2:6-10	God doesn’t short-change His children.	477

## — MARCH —

1	Genesis 2:7-9,15-17	Many blessings; only one restriction.	282
2	Genesis 3:1-7	Satan capitalizes on human hankerings.	149
3	Matthew 4:1-11	Satan lures with “You deserve better!”	449
4	Luke 4:1-13	Self-sacrifice is Jesus’ entire program.	262
5	Romans 5:12,17-19	God takes positive steps in grace.	374
<u>6</u>	1 Corinthians 15:21-28	Jesus counterbalances the scales.	187
8	Jeremiah 17:5-14	The LORD allows us no middle ground.	452
9	Luke 22:31-34	“Why are you sleeping?”	159
10	Hebrews 4:15-5:9	Jesus was chosen for His special work.	531
11	1 John 3:7-12	Now, don’t let anyone fool you!	251
12	John 1:28-40	This is the gracious work of our loving God.	477
<u>13</u>	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Our assignment is salvage and clean-up.	493
15	Psalms 130	Remember us, Jesus, in our need!	320
16	Luke 22:45-62	Their nightmare would end on Easter.	145
17	Romans 3:19-31	God deals with sin fairly-and-squarely.	378
18	2 Corinthians 7:1-12	What’s the good of repenting?	147
19	Matthew 15:21-28	Remember this woman, dear Christian!	175
<u>20</u>	1 Thessalonians 4:1-7	Remember me, O LORD, in my needs!	379
22	Jeremiah 26:1-15	God prefers to intervene, not abandon.	384
23	Luke 22:63-71	We cringe at such hard-heartedness.	297
24	2 Corinthians 6:11-18	Error multiplies via the domino effect.	39
25	Hebrews 12:1-13	Love energized Jesus to endure all.	152
26	Luke 11:14-28	Opportunistic Satan vs. dedicated Jesus.	38
<u>27</u>	Ephesians 5:1-11	Don’t fall for Satan’s devices, dear reader!	394

29	Matthew 21:1-9	Can you prove from the Bible who Jesus is?	58
30	John 13:1-15	Do we have this straight in our hearts?	514
31	Psalms 22	Let us sorrow over our sins and praise Jesus!	269

— APRIL —

1	1 Corinthians 10:14-21	Is it not our communion with Christ?	314
2	Isaiah 52:13-54:12	This is how Jesus spent His last hours.	153
3	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	We implore you, be reconciled to God!	376
4	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	We leave the cemetery to enjoy our Salvation!	
5	Psalms 118:14-29	Easter blessings are not sold in stores.	187
6	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Can dry bones come back to life? Yes!	587
7	John 20:1-10	Ezekiel and the psalmist predicted Easter.	208
8	1 Corinthians 15:12-28	Our life in Jesus supersedes our grave.	618
9	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	We have some data about His return.	611
10	Revelation 5:1-14	Heaven knows what Earth will discover	612
12	John 6:32-58	“Eating and drinking” Jesus=believing in Him.	388
13	Isaiah 50:5-10	This impacts our living repentantly.	172
14	Micah 6:1-8	Not cheap sacrifices but our heart!	540
15	John 20: 11-23	Whom are you seeking in the cemetery?	383
16	1 John 2:1-6	Our Advocate teams up with our Propitiator.	361
17	1 John 2:7-11	Jesus’ new directive is an old requirement.	464
19	Isaiah 52:1-10	See how this fits us because of Easter?	609
20	John 20:24-29	Not yet seeing – but still believing!	65
21	John 21:1-19	Death is reversible! Let us believe it!	603
22	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	Contrasts are similar -- but different.	602
23	1 Peter 1:3-16	Why is it always about Jesus?	348
24	1 John 5:4-12	If your heart needs convincing, read on. . .	390
26	Genesis 14:10-24	Melchizedek represented Christ’s interests.	40
27	Genesis 15:1-21	God outlined Abram’s future family.	586
28	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Everything good is God’s doing alone!	229
29	1 Corinthians 12:12-31	Jesus’ body has a full set of body parts.	482
30	Acts 9:1-19	A conversion charged with high drama.	74

— MAY —

1	Acts 9:20-31	Paul retreated to study the Scriptures.	296
3	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Our LORD dominates the scene.	119
4	John 10:11-16	Jesus overcomes bad hired-help and rustlers.	345
5	John 14:1-14	Jesus assures Thomas, Philip, and us, too.	433
6	Romans 14:1-13	Customs dare not sour our relationships.	53
7	1 Peter 2:18-25	His sheep will endure their crosses also.	516
8	1 Peter 4:112-19	Afflicted, but content to belong to Jesus.	523
10	Psalms 23	Let us enjoy travel security in Jesus!	436
11	John 12:20-26	Levels of commitment and levels of service.	416
12	2 Timothy 3:1-17	Rediscover the Source of our strength.	410
13	1 John 3:1-9	Serve God, and renounce Satan.	399
14	John 16:16-24	From “here-and-now” to “then-and-there.”	660

<u>15</u>	1 Peter 2:11-20	Bring credit to our Father and His family!	477
17	Isaiah 57:11-21	So what is God to do with us? Rescue us!	347
18	John 6:60-71	We accept the burden of being different.	447
19	John 16:5-15	The Holy Spirit copes with our ineptitude.	232
20	James 1:16-21	How then shall we live?	393
21	2 Timothy 2:8-13	Jesus changes tribulation to regency.	39
<u>22</u>	2 Timothy 2:14-23	An un-Scriptural opinion can be virulent.	16
23	<b>Pentecost Sunday—the third great festival of the Church</b>		
24	Acts 2:1-13	Let us first listen -- and then let us speak!	296
25	Isaiah 54:7-15	What message shall we speak?	373
26	John 14:23-31	He loves us in spite of ourselves.	32
27	Isaiah 62:1-12	We are His people, now and forever!	378
28	Acts 3:14-25	Paradise opened in one great barrage!	167
<u>29</u>	Ephesians 1:3-23	Many blessings are ready for claimants!	461
31	Jeremiah 31:31-34	This message is awesome even today.	546

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1	Ezekiel 36:21-28	God has resources to bring sinners around.	227
2	John 15:1-7	Pruning prepares for productive growth!	342
3	John 15:8-16	The new branch blossoms and bears fruit.	37
4	Acts 19:1-8	Instructed hearts become fruit-bearers.	404
<u>5</u>	Ephesians 2:13-22	Reconciled to God and to one another.	467
7	Isaiah 6:1-8	The God who saves is a working Trinity.	249
8	Isaiah 48:10-22	Prime Beginning and cataclysmic Closing.	98
9	Matthew 28:18-20	What power authorizes Jesus' disciples?	246
10	John 3:1-15	The Triune God can do it, and we know it!	324
11	Acts 2:33-47	How wonderfully repentance functions!	334
<u>12</u>	2 Corinthians 13:1-14	Look at yourself as proof of God's love.	565
14	Matthew 16:21-28	God goes ahead without human say-so.	237
15	James 4:11-17	Every day: "If the LORD wills, I shall . . ."	424
16	Luke 12:13-21	"Many years" quickly turns into "this night."	606
17	1 Timothy 6:6-19	So what's money good for—or bad for?	438
18	Luke 16:19-31	Way beyond "a day late and a dollar short."	441
<u>19</u>	1 John 4:16-21	Just snuggle up in God's heart and arms!	350
21	Hosea 11:1-8	God keeps a steady, gentle, loving pull.	390
22	Luke 9:51-62	Three shabby alibis for not following Jesus.	422
23	Luke 14:16-24	Did God cancel His banquet plans! No!	276
24	Luke 14:25-35	Perhaps the self-sacrifice costs too much?	292
25	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	God keeps on calling for you and for me.	281
<u>26</u>	1 John 3:13-18	Jesus loving us gives us courage.	339
28	Matthew 7:7-12	Our sinful hearts need to become godly.	447
29	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus was an exemplary Church member.	439
30	Matthew 22:15-22	Citizens of our country and of heaven, too.	568

## — JULY —

1	Romans 13:1-7	Law-and-order is God's will for us.	437
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2	Philippians 3:17-4:4	God's roll-call has our names listed.	660
3	1 Timothy 2:1-6	We beseech God to bless our government.	577
5	Luke 6:36-42	People tend to reciprocate in kind!	464
6	Luke 13:1-5	The real problem is our sinful nature.	327
7	John 8:1-11	Jesus' practical theology excelled theirs.	324
8	Romans 2:1-13	Forgiven! Then off on another adventure?	319
9	Romans 8:18-23	Jesus is preparing a world free of rot.	613
10	Romans 14:4-18	Live so as not to harm others.	5
12	Isaiah 5:8-23	He turns His hand to humble the wayward.	286
13	Matthew 5:17-20	God loves what needs loving.	370
14	Matthew 5:21-26	Who has resources to salvage the mess?	403
15	Matthew 5:38-42	Your choice: retaliation or consideration.	408
16	Romans 6:3-11	Lose what Jesus lost; gain what He gained!	297
17	James 2:8-17	The least we can do is live godly lives.	453
19	Exodus 5:22-6:8	Pharaoh's loss was Israel's gain.	141
20	Exodus 6:28-7:7	God works through us, inept as we are.	482
21	Matthew 16:5-12	Satan excels at false advertising. Beware!	381
22	Matthew 16:13-18	Knowing Jesus opens the Castle gates.	658
23	Romans 11:26-36	God counterbalances disobedience.	519
24	Hebrews 8:6-13	Limited covenant replaced with permanent.	21
26	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah was caught in the middle.	29
27	2 Corinthians 4	What kept Paul going? Love for lost souls!	74
28	Matthew 16:21-26	It's our desires that control our lives.	421
29	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus fulfilled His cultural responsibilities.	91
30	Romans 12:1-8	Serve Jesus to bring blessing to others.	496
31	Romans 12:9-21	What a wonderful catalog of guidelines!	428

## — AUGUST —

2	Matthew 17:1-8	Mountain climbing—to look into heaven.	135
3	Matthew 17:9-13	Transfiguration does not diminish Easter.	205
4	John 13:31-35	Jesus was ready and willing to get on with it.	142
5	2 Corinthians 12:1-9	Look beyond any/all out-of-body thrills.	361
6	2 Peter 1:16-21	Scriptural testimony repeats the facts.	290
7	Revelation 1:9-18	Jesus in His natural habitat of splendor!	618
9	Isaiah 53	This question deserves an answer.	153
10	Matthew 7:15-20	Differentiate between trash and treasure!	261
11	Matthew 7:21-29	Jesus sees through pious demeanor.	610
12	Romans 8:12-17	Life-style is <i>prima-facie</i> evidence.	226
13	Galatians 3:1-9	Don't backslide from faith-living to Law-living.	461
14	1 John 4:1-6	Beware any teaching that diminishes Christ!	100
16	Proverbs 6:6-11	The subject is ants; the topic is stewardship.	442
17	Luke 12:41-48	Heavier responsibility for those more capable.	420
18	Luke 16:1-9	God expects us to use our resources wisely.	17
19	Luke 16:10-18	Why are we still on God's green earth?	26
20	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Avoid the first (mis)step into sinning!	33
21	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Instruction about un-loving acting.	47

23	Matthew 11:20-24	For what purpose did Jesus scold? Repent!	376
24	Luke 4:23-30	Don't diminish Jesus to elevate self!	380
25	Luke 19:41-48	Jerusalem's people were headed for hell.	419
26	Romans 11:17-24	Will God spare you? How come?	153
27	1 Corinthians 12:2-11	Our God is a God of multiple skills.	229
28	Hebrews 3:12-19	Let us not lose our share in Christ Jesus!	216
30	Matthew 21:28-31	Which son's story is our story?	298
31	Matthew 23:1-12	Many have an "I" problem.	360

## — SEPTEMBER —

1	Luke 18:9-14	What a superior sinner he was!	323
2	Romans 3:21-31	Superiority or inferiority: it's a "wash."	319
3	1 Corinthians 15:1-10	In Jesus God starts over with sinners.	378
4	1 John 1:8-2	Entrust yourself to the superior solution: Jesus.	545
6	Matthew 5:33-37	Don't dial God's #911 carelessly!	455
7	Matthew 12:33-37	Some trees produce sour crabapples.	541
8	Mark 7:31-37	Jesus avoids "magic tricks" advertising.	339
9	1 Corinthians 2:9-16	Learn Messiah's program via the Bible.	609
10	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	God's grace in Jesus does not fade.	398
11	James 3:8-12	Bluntly put, humans misuse their voices.	401
13	Matthew 5:43-6:4	Who responds as Jesus expects?	42
14	Mark 12:41-44	The widow was not abandoned by God.	541
15	Luke 10:23-37	Are we trying to live as good Samaritans?	439
16	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Recalibrate your seeder! Be generous!	384
17	Galatians 3:16-28	God waters, warms, and nurtures sprouts.	299
18	1 John 4:7-11	Tend the field where God has placed you.	236
20	Psalms 147:1-11	Yes! We know and rejoice in this also!	567
21	Matthew 11:25-30	Jesus: heaven's power-and-glory package.	277
22	Luke 17:11-19	We stop in our tracks to thank Jesus.	36
23	John 5:1-14	Jesus still produces medical miracles.	43
24	Galatians 5:16-24	Which urges/appetites shall govern us?	446
25	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Living proof that God can save anybody.	374
27	Matthew 6:19-23	Does affluence afflict our eyesight?	364
28	Matthew 6:24-34	God's priorities should be our priorities!	247
29	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus serves me before I serve Him.	366
30	Acts 20:32-36	God enables me to share with others.	442

## — OCTOBER —

1	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Since earthliness itself is transitory . . .	448
2	Galatians 5:25-6:10	Bible talk, Bible living, and Bible sharing.	290
4	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus is Lord over life and death!	591
5	John 5:19-21	Jesus tried to enlighten His countrymen.	248
6	John 11:17-44	What a friend they had in Jesus!	547
7	2 Cor. 4:7-14	God puts heavenly treasure in clay pots.	338
8	Ephesians 3:13-21	LORD, nourish us with Your love!	394
9	Philippians 1:19-26	The redeemed yearn to be with Jesus.	527

11	Mark 2:23-3:5	Loving obedience replaces legal performance.	412
12	Luke 14:1-11	Jesus generates love between humans.	465
13	John 8:31-36	A slave doesn't belong, but the child does.	261
14	Galatians 5:1-14	Don't hitch yourself into the law-harness!	289
15	Ephesians 4:1-6	Joined to God because He has joined us.	481
16	Colossians 2:16-23	Jesus releases us from the law-harness.	192
18	Matthew 13:34-46	God grows greens; Satan grows weeds.	347
19	Matthew 22:34-46	What's my answer to verse 45?	114
20	Mark 10:17-27	In the word "good" lies a theological issue.	359
21	Romans 10:1-13	Jesus puts an end to futile moral strivings.	423
22	1 Corinthians 1:4-9	Thank God for His grace-work among us!	373
23	1 John 2:7-17	I'm just passing through on my way home!	54
25	1 Corinthians 19:1-10	Some face the future of hellfire.	20
26	Revelation 19:11-21	Justice both acquits and condemns.	341
27	Psalms 2	Jesus is a strict Emperor over Satan.	210
28	Acts 7:30-50	Moses and Jesus are similar.	291
29	John 5:24-30	Moses and Jesus are different.	293
30	Acts 8:1-8	There is no prison as dark as Satan's jail.	264

## — NOVEMBER —

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2	Matthew 22:1-14	Jewish rebellion escalated to murder.	407
3	Matthew 25:14-30	The LORD rewards personal enterprise.	395
4	Ephesians 5:15-20	God enlists us in His Big Enterprise!	25
5	Hebrews 10:19-31	We know how to escape God's anger.	301
6	1 Peter 2:1-9	We always come back to Jesus for nourishment.	118
8	Matthew 16:1-4	Even in the worst times, Jesus prevails!	19
9	John 4:46-53	Just think it through and add it up!	46
10	John 10:22-31	Jesus+the Father=an unbeatable combination.	237
11	Romans 5:1-8	In Jesus all the links hang together.	342
12	Ephesians 6:10-18	Sanctification includes training for combat.	444
13	Hebrews 11:24-27	Moses, a hero in this 9/11 world.	289
15	Matthew 18:15-22	Forgiven sinners and forgiving saints.	309
16	Matthew 18:23-35	The Kingdom-Drama in two scenes.	69
17	Mark 4:21-25	When you have Jesus, you have everything.	47
18	Ephesians 4:30-32	Let's not give God any heartache!	14
19	Philippians 1:3-11	Every day is a thanks-giving day.	173
20	1 Thessalonians 5:14-23	What we believe <b>and</b> how we live.	234
22	Matthew 7:7-14	God's good causes produce good effects.	37
23	Matthew 17:24-27	We support all worthy endeavors.	500
24	Matthew 22:15-22	Our main responsibility is to God.	539
25	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Let us be thankful under all conditions!	570
26	Romans 13:1-7	Whatever he owes, the child of God pays up!	578
27	Philippians 3:17-4:3	Jesus, our passport and ticket for home.	413
29	Matthew 13:47-50	God will separate "keepers" from trash.	604
30	Matthew 25:31-46	Attitude toward Jesus is court evidence.	440

— DECEMBER —

1	John 5:22-29	The fate of every human hinges on Jesus.	66
2	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	The Big Book is published and read.	606
3	2 Thess. 1:3-10	On the subject of righteous judgment.	494
4	Revelation 20:11-21:7	Heaven couched in earthly terminology.	72
6	Psalms 24	He holds the whole, wide world in His hands!	73
7	Isaiah 62:10-12	Jerusalem's renown is based on Jesus.	61
8	Matthew 21:1-9	Jesus IS who Jehovah said He WOULD BE.	55
9	Luke 4:16-23	We will see some of Jesus' neighbors again.	67
10	John 18:36-37	Jesus rules where His holy Word rules.	511
11	Romans 13:11-14	Eternity is dawning on our horizon!	60
13	Luke 12:35-40	Are we busy with our own house-cleaning?	322
14	Luke 17:20-30	God works from the inside-out.	22
15	Luke 21:25-36	We should know that God is on schedule.	611
16	Romans 15:4-13	God is color-blind; He redeems everybody.	379
17	Hebrews 10:35-39	"There's a long, long road a-winding. . . "	40
18	James 5:7-10	We stand ready and waiting for Your return!	430
20	Matthew 11:2-10	Jesus, beginning and end of the program.	346
21	Matthew 11:11-19	Some scatterbrains couldn't figure it out.	343
22	Luke 3:1-14	Let us repent of our assaults upon God!	75
23	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Let us serve Christ without cutting corners.	485
24	2 Peter 1:11-21	The Word still shines with Jesus-Light.	77
25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Joy to the world! The Lord has come!	87
27	Isaiah 9:2-7	What is this day's miracle?	106
28	John 1:1-14	Then Christ arrived, right on schedule!	508
29	Matthew 1:18-24	And here is the record of how it happened.	114
30	Hebrews 1:1-3	It's always about Jesus, now and forever!	244
31	Revelation 21:12-17	"And, behold, I am coming quickly!"	110

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; Oh, refresh us, Trav'ling thro' this wilderness!*



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