



# Resources & Reflections

Week of September 27<sup>th</sup>

## PAUL WRITES TO THE CHURCH IN PHILIPPI

<sup>3-4</sup> Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer.

<sup>9-11</sup> So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

from Philippians, chapter 1  
Translation: The Message



## SOME PRAYERS FROM PETER MARSHALL

*Peter Marshall (1902-1949) was a poor Scottish immigrant who came to the U.S. at the age of 24, became a Presbyterian minister and was twice chosen as chaplain of the U.S. Senate.*

### PEACE WITHOUT PAIN

God, have pity upon us.

We want peace without pain and security without sacrifice.

We want peace but not the perils of peacemaking.

O God, may we learn what love is.

### SUCCESS

God, give us the grace to take things as they are

And to make them what they ought to be.

### FOR WORLD NEIGHBORLINESS

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.

May we live together as people

who have been forgiven a great debt.

May we be gentle, walking softly with one another.

May we be understanding,

lest we shall add to the world's sorrow  
or cause to flow needless tears.

May we be as anxious for the rights of others  
as we are for our own.

May we be as eager to forgive

as we are to seek forgiveness.

May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex,

that our love may be like Yours –

a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin.

May we be ministers of humanity.

# A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

## **Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7  
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

## **Monday - September 28**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 62  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

## **Tuesday - September 29**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 12  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 5:12-26

## **Wednesday - September 30**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 96  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 5:27-39

## **Thursday - October 1**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 116  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:1-11

## **Friday - October 2**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 84  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:12-26

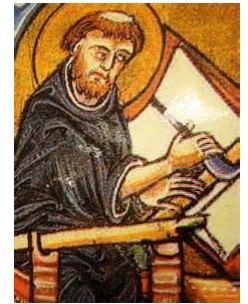
## **Saturday - October 3**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 63  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

## **Sunday - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 19  
The Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:1-9  
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

# THE HOPE OF TOMORROW



O God, the alpha and the omega,  
the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end,  
with Your presence  
grace all our endings and our beginnings.

Give us joy in the newness of life,  
humility in the moment of our accomplishment,  
gratitude for all that we have been given.

You who now are,  
and who was  
and who is to come,  
be ever present in our transitions.

Lift our hearts beyond the satisfactions of the moment  
to the needs of the times,  
and sanctify our now  
with the memory of our then  
and the promise and hope of Your tomorrow

George MacRae

God of all, grant us our due portion of wisdom.  
May our minds be set fast on justice;  
may our hearts be soft with compassion,  
daily may we walk humbly with You, the God of both.

May we be eyes when others cannot see,  
ears when they cannot hear,  
hands when their energy for life languishes,  
and feet when they stumble on the way.

Grant us grace to love our brothers and sisters as they are,  
for what they can be;  
and more grace to resist trying to make them  
into what we think they should be.

Sidney Mead



*If mail is slow in reaching you,  
We provide a Sunday start  
for the coming week.*

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