

July 27th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, July 24–30

Lectionary 17

We, the body of our risen Lord, continue to read through Luke, learning to pray, receiving the Holy Spirit.

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

The storyteller presents a memorable, even comic, picture of the believer begging, even harassing, God to do justice. In setting the story parallel with Luke's passage about prayer, the lectionary stresses petitions for the good of others and for justice to be done in the world.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard Abraham plead with God for divine mercy, we join together in [Psalm 138](#), thanking God for forgiveness, for being the kind of God who hears the prayers of the lowly. Despite that Sodom was destroyed, we trust in God's good purpose.

[Colossians 2:6-15 \[16-19\]](#)

This section from Colossians enhances Christian understanding of prayer. We give thanks. We address ourselves to God as the body of Christ. We enact our baptism. We live confident that evil has been conquered. We refrain from condemning others concerning their religious practices.

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

Throughout the Bible, God hears the prayers of believers. Our prayers concern our daily needs but also focus on evil in the trials of the end time. God is like a friend who finally gives in to the tenacity of requests, and God is a parent who provides the children with good food. The conclusion of the passage indicates that what we will receive is the Holy Spirit.

