

# DAILY READING PLAN



## Week of February 14, 2021 Get It dONE with Generosity 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

### Day One: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11

<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

- When members of the Body of Christ encourage one another, the community of faith is built up and strengthened. Who can you encourage today? Write a note. Make a phone call. Knock on a door.

### Day Two: Read Deuteronomy 8:1-5

<sup>1</sup> "Be careful to obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will live and multiply, and you will enter and occupy the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors. <sup>2</sup> Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands. <sup>3</sup> Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> For all these forty years your clothes didn't wear out, and your feet didn't blister or swell. <sup>5</sup> Think about it: Just as a parent disciplines a child, the Lord your God disciplines you for your own good."

- Independence is a cultural value, but God values dependence as we grow in faith. Depending upon God for what we need daily is something God taught the Israelites in the wilderness, and something Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer. For what "daily bread" do you need to trust God today?

### Day Three: Read Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. <sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

- Building muscle requires resistance. The same is true the development of our character and faith. God uses adversity to strength and transform us. How has that been true in your journey?

### Day Four: Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. <sup>5</sup> And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

- What does it mean to think of yourself as the dwelling place of God? And what sacrifices do you sense God calling you to?

### Day Five: Read Ephesians 2:19-22

<sup>19</sup> So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. <sup>20</sup> Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. <sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the

*Lord. <sup>22</sup> Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.*

- The original temple was the place where God's presence came to earth. Later, Jesus become the One in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Now, St. Paul says that we are the dwelling place of God, carrying God's presence and love into the world. How does that shape how you'll live today?