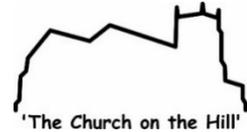


OLD TESTAMENT READING PLAN, WEEK 7



Prayers week commencing 24 August

Lord, help us to trust you when you take our lives in unexpected directions, when we cannot see the purpose of your guidance, when we cannot understand your will.

Re-assure us that our lives are always safe in your hands and that we can trust you wherever you lead us or whatever you call us to do.

Lord, in a hostile world it seems difficult to witness to your name. Give us the courage to speak clearly and truthfully of you, of your love for everyone, for your plan of salvation available to all.

Lord, we pray for all who do not know you, who have rejected you, or who are misled by false messages of hope.

We pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith, facing difficulty, prejudice and even death; be their strength in times of trouble.

Help us all, Lord, to remember that at all times there is no-one greater than you, no power can crush us nor destroy us in we keep faithful to you.

We thank you for being our constant hope and strength,
Amen

Day 134	Monday 24 th August	2 Samuel chapter 21
Day 135	Tuesday 25 th August	2 Samuel chapters 22 and 23
Day 136	Wednesday 26 th August	2 Samuel chapter 24
Day 137	Thursday 27 th August	<i>That's the end of the second book of Samuel. If you want to know what happens to David you can read about it in the opening pages of Kings. Next week, we'll make a start on Daniel.</i>
Day 138	Friday 28 th August	
Day 139	Saturday 29 th August	
Day 140	Sunday 30 th August	

Collect for Sunday 30 August - Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever,
Amen