



ST MICHAEL'S BIBLE READING PLAN

Having now whetted our appetites by reading Ruth, both books of Samuel and then Daniel, as well as the entire New Testament, how do you fancy going right back to the beginning and making a start on Genesis?



GENESIS

Genesis tells a number of stories of 'beginning'. The name itself means 'origin' or 'source'. It begins by telling the story of the beginning of the world, before continuing with the beginning of the breakdown of the relationship between God and humanity. From chapter 12 onwards Genesis tells another story of beginning: the start of a new relationship between God and a particular family – Abraham, Sarah and their descendants. It ends with their great-grandson Joseph in Egypt.

Prayer for week commencing Monday 14 September

Lord God, we thank you for the beauty of creation, for the countryside which surrounds us, for the gift of life. We thank you for creating mankind in Your image.

Forgive us, Lord, for the mess we have created in the world – the horrors of pollution, the destruction of wildlife caused by the misuse of plastic.

Lord, you gave us wonderful minds and creative abilities and yet we misuse these talents to destroy the world you created. Lord, forgive us and help each of us to see the damage we are doing and take steps to create a lifestyle which honours your creation.

We pray, Lord, for those who through blindness cannot see the wonders around them. We give thanks for all those working in research to find solutions to the problems of blindness and visual imperfections. Guide them and empower them in their knowledge and the advancement of science to help those suffering from visual problems to overcome them.

We ask you, Lord, to forgive for the sin in the world; help us to recognize our sins which separate us from you and to seek you forgiveness.

We pray also for peace in the world, for world leaders, for justice for all, for all who suffer from the effects of violence. Guard us Lord and keep us safe day by day in what seems to be an ever more violent world.

We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen.

Day 155	Monday 14th September	Genesis chapters 1 and 2
Day 156	Tuesday 15th September	Genesis chapters 3 and 4
Day 157	Wednesday 16th September	Genesis chapter 5
Day 158	Thursday 17th September	Genesis chapters 6 and 7
Day 159	Friday 18th September	Genesis chapters 8 and 9
Day 160	Saturday 19th September	Two quiet days to catch up
Day 161	Sunday 20th September	

Collect for Sunday 20 September - Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through 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.