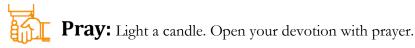




after Pentecost

June 14, 2020 Matthew 9:35—10:8, (9-23)

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

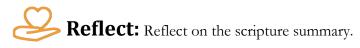


Lord of the harvest, you have given us plenty of work to do while we wait for you to come again. Strengthen us in faith and commitment to doing what pleases you, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave." (Matthew 10:9-11)



Jesus sent his disciples into the world equipped with nothing: no bag, no extra clothing, and no money. However, they were well equipped with those things they would need even more: faith, conviction, and words.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? What items do you always have with you when you go out? What are they used for? What might you do without? How do you communicate your faith with others? Is it hard or easy for you?

For the littles: What tools do you use to do your chores? Toothbrush? Spoon? Sponge? How do these tools help you get your work done?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God send you out unburdened, yet fully equipped. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

When you run your errands this weekend, leave your purse, your cell phone, your water bottle, and anything else you usually carry. Bring only the money you need to pay for your errands. Reflect on the experience of being stripped of your comfort items. How did it make you more aware of what you had set out to do?



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Tuesday, Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Wednesday, Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19 Thursday, Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9 Friday, Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26 Saturday, Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3