GOD'S SURPRISING WORD

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE 2026

No one has ever seen or heard
of a God like you,
who does such deeds
for those who put their hope in him.

Isaiah 64:4 (Good News Translation)

JANUARY 2026
Heeding Jesus's Call

FEBRUARY 2026
Faith Active in Love

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☐ 1 Hebrews 1:1–14
☐ 2 Hebrews 2:1–15
☐ 3 Hebrews 3:1–19

☐ 4 Hebrews 4:1–13
☐ 5 Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Epiphany

☐ 6 Matthew 2:1–12
☐ 7 Matthew 2:13–23
☐ 8 Matthew 3:10–17
☐ 9 Matthew 4:1–11
☐ 10 Matthew 4:12–25

☐ 11 Matthew 8:1–17
☐ 12 Matthew 9:18–34
☐ 13 Matthew 12:22–32
☐ 14 Matthew 14:1–21
☐ 15 Matthew 14:22–36
☐ 16 Matthew 15:1–20
☐ 17 Matthew 15:21–39

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins; Ecumenical Sunday

☐ 18 Matthew 16:1–12
☐ 19 Matthew 16:13–28
☐ 20 Matthew 17:1–13
☐ 21 Matthew 17:14–27
☐ 22 Acts 3:1–10
☐ 23 Acts 3:11–26
☐ 24 Acts 4:1–22

☐ 25 Acts 4:23—5:11
☐ 26 Acts 9:1–19a
☐ 27 Acts 9:19b–31
☐ 28 Acts 9:32–42
☐ 29 Acts 14:8–20
☐ 30 Acts 16:1–15
☐ 31 Acts 16:16–40

The Octave for Christian Unity is January 18–25, 2026.

☐ 1 Philippians 1:1–11
☐ 2 Philippians 1:12–30
☐ 3 Philippians 2:1–11
☐ 4 Philippians 2:12–30
☐ 5 Philippians 3:1–11
☐ 6 Philippians 3:12–21
☐ 7 Philippians 4:1–9

☐ 8 Philippians 4:10–23
☐ 9 Philemon 1–25
☐ 10 Exodus 1:1–22
☐ 11 Exodus 2:1–10
☐ 12 Exodus 2:11–25
☐ 13 Exodus 3:1–22
☐ 14 Exodus 4:1–17

☐ 15 Exodus 4:18–31
☐ 16 Exodus 6:1–13
☐ 17 Psalm 136

Ash Wednesday

☐ 18 Psalm 51
☐ 19 Exodus 13:17–22
☐ 20 Exodus 14:1–18
☐ 21 Exodus 14:19–31

First Sunday in Lent

☐ 22 Exodus 15:1–18

Great Lent (Orthodox)

☐ 23 Exodus 15:19–27
☐ 24 Exodus 18:1–12
☐ 25 Romans 8:18–39
☐ 26 Romans 12:1–21
☐ 27 Romans 14:1–23
☐ 28 Romans 15:1–13

MARCH 2026
Turning to God in Prayer

APRIL 2026
Rejoicing in Hope

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Second Sunday in Lent
- ☐ 1 Psalm 4
- ☐ 2 Psalm 5
- ☐ 3 Isaiah 37:1–20
- ☐ 4 Isaiah 37:21–38
- ☐ 5 Isaiah 38:1–20

World Day of Prayer
- ☐ 6 Psalm 82
- ☐ 7 Daniel 9:1–19

Third Sunday in Lent
- ☐ 8 Jeremiah 16:14–21
- ☐ 9 Jeremiah 32:1–15
- ☐ 10 Jeremiah 32:16–35
- ☐ 11 Jeremiah 32:36–44
- ☐ 12 Habakkuk 1:1–17
- ☐ 13 Habakkuk 2:1–20
- ☐ 14 Habakkuk 3:1–19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
- ☐ 15 Numbers 14:1–10
- ☐ 16 Numbers 14:11–25
- ☐ 17 Numbers 21:4–20
- ☐ 18 Deuteronomy 4:1–14
- ☐ 19 Deuteronomy 5:1–22
- ☐ 20 Deuteronomy 6:1–8
- ☐ 21 Deuteronomy 7:1–11

Fifth Sunday in Lent
- ☐ 22 1 Samuel 1:1–18
- ☐ 23 1 Samuel 1:19–28
- ☐ 24 1 Samuel 2:1–11
- ☐ 25 Psalm 25
- ☐ 26 Psalm 27
- ☐ 27 Psalm 31
- ☐ 28 John 17:1–26

Palm/Passion Sunday
- ☐ 29 Matthew 21:1–27
- ☐ 30 Matthew 26:1–35
- ☐ 31 Matthew 26:36–46
- ☐ 1 Matthew 26:47–75

Holy Thursday
- ☐ 2 Matthew 27:1–26

Good Friday
- ☐ 3 Matthew 27:27–56
- ☐ 4 Matthew 27:57–66

Easter Sunday/Pascha
- ☐ 5 Matthew 28:1–20
- ☐ 6 Luke 24:13–25
- ☐ 7 Luke 24:36–53
- ☐ 8 Romans 1:1–17
- ☐ 9 Romans 3:21–31
- ☐ 10 Romans 4:1–12
- ☐ 11 Romans 4:13–25

Pascha (Orthodox Easter)
- ☐ 12 Romans 5:1–11
- ☐ 13 Romans 5:12–21
- ☐ 14 Romans 6:1–14
- ☐ 15 Romans 6:15–23
- ☐ 16 1 Peter 1:1–12
- ☐ 17 1 Peter 1:13–25
- ☐ 18 1 Peter 2:1–10
- ☐ 19 1 Peter 2:11–25
- ☐ 20 1 Peter 3:1–22
- ☐ 21 1 Peter 4:1–19
- ☐ 22 1 Peter 5:1–13
- ☐ 23 2 Peter 1:1–21
- ☐ 24 2 Peter 2:1–22
- ☐ 25 2 Peter 3:1–18
- ☐ 26 John 10:1–21
- ☐ 27 John 10:22–41
- ☐ 28 John 5:1–18
- ☐ 29 John 5:19–29
- ☐ 30 Isaiah 35:1–10

Orthodox Christians observe Holy Week from April 5–11 and celebrate Pascha on April 12. They may wish to use the readings for March 29–April 4 during April 5–11 and the readings for April 5–11 during April 12–18 so the Passion and Resurrection readings will match the Orthodox dates.

MAY 2026
Renewed by the Spirit

JUNE 2026
Guided by Faithful Witnesses

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- ☐ 1 Ezekiel 1:1—2:1
- ☐ 2 Ezekiel 2:2—3:15
- ☐ 3 Ezekiel 3:16–27
- ☐ 4 Ezekiel 8:1–18
- ☐ 5 Ezekiel 10:1–22
- ☐ 6 Ezekiel 11:14–25

National Day of Prayer

- ☐ 7 Ezekiel 36:1–15
- ☐ 8 Ezekiel 36:16–38
- ☐ 9 Ezekiel 37:1–28
- ☐ 10 Ezekiel 43:1–12
- ☐ 11 Ezekiel 43:13–27
- ☐ 12 Ezekiel 47:1–12
- ☐ 13 Psalm 47

Ascension Day

- ☐ 14 Acts 1:1–11
- ☐ 15 Acts 1:12–26
- ☐ 16 Revelation 1:1–20
- ☐ 17 Revelation 2:1–11
- ☐ 18 Revelation 2:12–29
- ☐ 19 Revelation 3:1–13
- ☐ 20 Revelation 3:14–22
- ☐ 21 Revelation 4:1–11
- ☐ 22 Revelation 5:1–14
- ☐ 23 Revelation 7:1–17

Pentecost

- ☐ 24 Acts 2:1–13
- ☐ 25 Acts 2:14–28
- ☐ 26 Acts 2:29–47
- ☐ 27 Acts 10:1–33
- ☐ 28 Acts 10:34–48
- ☐ 29 Acts 11:1–18
- ☐ 30 Acts 11:19–30
- ☐ 31 Romans 8:1–17
- ☐ 1 Hebrews 11:1–20
- ☐ 2 Hebrews 11:21–40
- ☐ 3 Hebrews 12:1–11
- ☐ 4 Hebrews 12:12–29
- ☐ 5 Hebrews 13:1–25
- ☐ 6 Deuteronomy 32:45–52
- ☐ 7 Deuteronomy 34:1–12
- ☐ 8 Joshua 1:1–18
- ☐ 9 Joshua 23:1–16
- ☐ 10 Joshua 24:1–28
- ☐ 11 Joshua 24:29–33
- ☐ 12 Judges 3:12–31
- ☐ 13 Judges 4:1–24
- ☐ 14 Judges 5:1–31
- ☐ 15 Judges 6:1–27
- ☐ 16 Judges 6:28–40
- ☐ 17 Judges 7:1–25
- ☐ 18 Judges 13:1–25
- ☐ 19 Judges 15:9–20
- ☐ 20 Judges 16:4–22
- ☐ 21 Judges 16:23–31
- ☐ 22 Ezra 1:1–11
- ☐ 23 Ezra 3:1–13
- ☐ 24 Ezra 4:1–5
- ☐ 25 Ezra 4:24—5:17
- ☐ 26 Ezra 6:1–12
- ☐ 27 Ezra 6:13–22
- ☐ 28 Ezra 7:1–10
- ☐ 29 Ezra 7:11–28
- ☐ 30 Ezra 8:15–23

JULY 2026
Proclaiming
God's Justice

AUGUST 2026
Trusting in God's Mercy
and Providence

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- ☐ 1 Psalm 9
- ☐ 2 Psalm 10
- ☐ 3 Psalm 15
- ☐ 4 Psalm 33

- ☐ 5 Exodus 23:1–13
- ☐ 6 Leviticus 19:1–18
- ☐ 7 Leviticus 19:32–37
- ☐ 8 Deuteronomy 1:9–19
- ☐ 9 Deuteronomy 10:12–22
- ☐ 10 Deuteronomy 15:1–11
- ☐ 11 Psalm 68

- ☐ 12 Psalm 72
- ☐ 13 Psalm 75
- ☐ 14 Psalm 85
- ☐ 15 1 Kings 17:1–24
- ☐ 16 1 Kings 18:1–24
- ☐ 17 1 Kings 18:25–40
- ☐ 18 1 Kings 18:41–46

- ☐ 19 1 Kings 19:1–21
- ☐ 20 2 Kings 5:1–19a
- ☐ 21 2 Kings 5:19b–27
- ☐ 22 2 Chronicles 34:1–7
- ☐ 23 2 Chronicles 34:8–28
- ☐ 24 2 Chronicles 34:29–33
- ☐ 25 Isaiah 2:1–5

- ☐ 26 Isaiah 55:1–13
- ☐ 27 Isaiah 56:1:1–12
- ☐ 28 Isaiah 58:1–14
- ☐ 29 Isaiah 59:1–21
- ☐ 30 Jeremiah 3:6–18
- ☐ 31 Jeremiah 7:1–15

- ☐ 1 Nehemiah 1:1–11

- ☐ 2 Nehemiah 2:1–20
- ☐ 3 Nehemiah 4:1–23
- ☐ 4 Nehemiah 5:1–13
- ☐ 5 Nehemiah 5:14–19
- ☐ 6 Nehemiah 8:1–12
- ☐ 7 Nehemiah 8:13–18
- ☐ 8 Nehemiah 9:1–5

- ☐ 9 Nehemiah 9:6–14
- ☐ 10 Nehemiah 9:15–25
- ☐ 11 Nehemiah 9:26–38
- ☐ 12 Nehemiah 12:27–43
- ☐ 13 Nehemiah 12:44–47
- ☐ 14 Job 1:1–12
- ☐ 15 Job 1:13–22

- ☐ 16 Job 2:1–13
- ☐ 17 Job 19:13–27a
- ☐ 18 Job 32:1–10
- ☐ 19 Job 35:1–16
- ☐ 20 Job 36:5–26
- ☐ 21 Job 38:1–18
- ☐ 22 Job 40:1–24

- ☐ 23 Job 42:1–17
- ☐ 24 Leviticus 16:1–19
- ☐ 25 Leviticus 16:20–34
- ☐ 26 Isaiah 40:1–31
- ☐ 27 Isaiah 43:1–21
- ☐ 28 Lamentations 3:1–17
- ☐ 29 Haggai 1:1–15

- ☐ 30 Haggai 2:1–23
- ☐ 31 Zechariah 1:1–17

SEPTEMBER 2026
Growing in God's Wisdom

OCTOBER 2026
Putting Faith into Action

GOD'S SURPRISING WORD

- ☐ 1 Matthew 5:1–12
- ☐ 2 Matthew 5:13–26
- ☐ 3 Matthew 5:33–48
- ☐ 4 Matthew 6:1–15
- ☐ 5 Matthew 6:16–23
- ☐ 6 Matthew 6:24–34
- ☐ 7 Matthew 7:1–12
- ☐ 8 Matthew 7:13–29
- ☐ 9 Matthew 13:1–23
- ☐ 10 Matthew 13:24–43
- ☐ 11 Matthew 13:44–58
- ☐ 12 Matthew 25:1–13
- ☐ 13 Matthew 25:14–30
- ☐ 14 Matthew 25:31–46
- ☐ 15 Proverbs 1:1–33
- ☐ 16 Proverbs 3:1–35
- ☐ 17 Proverbs 4:1–27
- ☐ 18 Proverbs 8:1–36
- ☐ 19 Proverbs 9:1–18
- ☐ 20 Proverbs 10:1–32
- ☐ 21 Ecclesiastes 3:1–15
- ☐ 22 Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:16
- ☐ 23 Ecclesiastes 5:1–20
- ☐ 24 Ecclesiastes 7:1–25
- ☐ 25 Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:14
- ☐ 26 Psalm 37
- ☐ 27 1 Corinthians 1:1–17
- ☐ 28 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
- ☐ 29 1 Corinthians 2:1–16
- ☐ 30 1 Corinthians 3:1–23

- ☐ 1 Daniel 1:1–21
- ☐ 2 Daniel 2:1–13
- ☐ 3 Daniel 2:14–23

World Communion Sunday

- ☐ 4 Daniel 2:24–49
- ☐ 5 Daniel 3:1–18
- ☐ 6 Daniel 3:19–30
- ☐ 7 Daniel 4:1–18
- ☐ 8 Daniel 4:19–33
- ☐ 9 Daniel 4:34–37
- ☐ 10 Daniel 5:1–12
- ☐ 11 Daniel 5:13–31
- ☐ 12 Daniel 6:1–10
- ☐ 13 Daniel 6:11–28
- ☐ 14 Esther 2:1–23
- ☐ 15 Esther 3:1–15
- ☐ 16 Esther 4:1–17
- ☐ 17 Esther 5:1–14
- ☐ 18 Esther 6:1–13
- ☐ 19 Esther 6:14—7:10
- ☐ 20 Esther 8:1–17
- ☐ 21 Esther 9:1–19
- ☐ 22 Esther 9:20—10:3
- ☐ 23 Ruth 1:1–22
- ☐ 24 Ruth 2:1–23
- ☐ 25 Ruth 3:1–18
- ☐ 26 Ruth 4:1–22
- ☐ 27 James 1:1–27
- ☐ 28 James 2:1–26
- ☐ 29 James 3:1–18
- ☐30: James 4:1–17
- ☐ 31 James 5:1–20

NOVEMBER 2026
Offering God Thanks and Praise

DECEMBER 2026
Sharing the Joy of the Lord

GOD'S SURPRISING WORD

- ☐ 1 1 Chronicles 13:1–14
- ☐ 2 1 Chronicles 15:1–24
- ☐ 3 1 Chronicles 15:25—16:7
- ☐ 4 1 Chronicles 16:8–43
- ☐ 5 1 Chronicles 17:1–15
- ☐ 6 1 Chronicles 17:16–27
- ☐ 7 1 Chronicles 22:1–19
- ☐ 8 1 Chronicles 28:1–21
- ☐ 9 1 Chronicles 29:1–9
- ☐ 10 1 Chronicles 29:10–30
- ☐ 11 Psalm 89:1–18
- ☐ 12 Psalm 89:19–37
- ☐ 13 Psalm 92
- ☐ 14 Psalm 93
- ☐ 15 Psalm 95
- ☐ 16 Psalm 96
- ☐ 17 Psalm 97
- ☐ 18 Psalm 98
- ☐ 19 Psalm 99
- ☐ 20 Psalm 100
- ☐ 21 Psalm 103
- ☐ 22 Psalm 104
- ☐ 23 Psalm 111
- ☐ 24 Psalm 113
- ☐ 25 Jeremiah 10:1–16

Thanksgiving Day

- ☐ 26 Psalm 65
- ☐ 27 Psalm 66
- ☐ 28 Psalm 67

First Sunday of Advent

- ☐ 29 Mark 13:1–13
- ☐ 30 Mark 13:24–37
- ☐ 1 Psalm 24
- ☐ 2 Daniel 12:1–13
- ☐ 3 Malachi 1:1–14
- ☐ 4 Malachi 2:1–16
- ☐ 5 Malachi 2:17—3:5

Second Sunday of Advent

- ☐ 6 Malachi 3:6–18
- ☐ 7 Malachi 4:1–6
- ☐ 8 Isaiah 60:1–22
- ☐ 9 Isaiah 61:1–11
- ☐ 10 Isaiah 62:1–12
- ☐ 11 Isaiah 63:1–14
- ☐ 12 Isaiah 63:15—64:12

Third Sunday of Advent

- ☐ 13 Isaiah 66:1–11
- ☐ 14 Isaiah 66:12–24
- ☐ 15 Isaiah 49:8–23
- ☐ 16 Isaiah 51:1–16
- ☐ 17 Isaiah 52:1–12
- ☐ 18 Isaiah 7:1–25
- ☐ 19 Isaiah 8:1–15

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ☐ 20 Isaiah 8:16—9:7
- ☐ 21 Luke 1:1–25
- ☐ 22 Luke 1:26–56
- ☐ 23 Luke 1:57–80
- ☐ 24 Luke 2:1–21

Christmas Day

- ☐ 25 John 1:1–18
- ☐ 26 John 1:19–34
- ☐ 27 John 1:35–51
- ☐ 28 Luke 2:22–52
- ☐ 29 Revelation 19:1–10
- ☐ 30 Revelation 21:1–17
- ☐ 31 Revelation 22:1–21

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Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us.

Romans 15:4 (Good News Translation)

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily "dialogue" between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

Pray with focus and openness to see what God has for you:

God, connect with me here, as I seek you in your Word.

Read the selected passage of Scripture slowly. Take note of intriguing words or phrases. Read them a second time.

Reflect on what strikes you as you read. Think through what God is communicating to you at this point in your life.

Respond to the passage. Speak to God directly about what's on your mind and heart. Look for ways to live out what you've uncovered.

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