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Daily Scripture Readings

November 19-25

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Monday, November 19

Revelation 1:4b-5a

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Prayer: Sovereign God, earthly kings may reign for a time, but you reign for eternity. Empower us to follow you into your kingdom. Amen.

For Today: As you watch the news and witness the turmoil and upheaval in the world, take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Tuesday, November 20

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer: Christ, though we are not worthy of the crumbs under your table, you have made us a kingdom of priests. Help us to discover again our place in your kingdom. Amen.

For Today: Name one way you will attempt to serve as a loving priest of God.

Wednesday, November 21

Revelation 1:7

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

Prayer: We know there is coming a day, Lord, when you will return, and you will usher in a new heaven and a new earth. Help us to live in anticipation of that day. Amen.

For Today: Share the gospel with urgency.

Thursday, November 22

Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Prayer: Generous God, free us from worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may give you thanks for the bounty of your gifts. Amen.

For Today: Find ways to share gratitude – serve someone, invite someone to dinner, call or send a card to someone who has an empty chair at the table this Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 23

John 18:33

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Prayer: Lord, help me to live my life in a way that portrays allegiance to Jesus the universal king. Amen.

For Today: Little did Pilate know that, much more than being king of the Jews, Jesus is the king of the universe. Take some time to reflect on his universal sovereignty.

Saturday, November 24

John 18:36

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Prayer: King of all the earth, you call us into the world to embody a realm that is not of this world. Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be done. Amen.

For Today: Somewhere between Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas carols, pause and take a breath. Look for signs and listen for sounds of a realm not of this world.

Sunday, November 25

John 18:37

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Prayer: King of kings, in every time, in every place, in every situation, your voice is speaking to us. Help us to listen, that we might belong to the truth. Amen.

For Today: On this Christ the King Sunday, ask yourself, have you made Christ the King of your life? Are you listening to his voice?