

share your

highs and lows

of the day,

or respond to

the following

avestions:

Share about a

time when you

trusted someone

to help you.

Was your trust

#### 16 August 2020

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** 

Faith in Jesus is always rewarded.

## **Devotions**



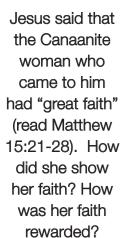
#### Daily Bible Readings

	S	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith
	М	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph makes himself known
	Т	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus heals many people
	W	Acts 14:19-28	God opens the door to Gentiles
	Т	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Maintain justice
	F	Romans 11:1-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
	S	Psalm 67	May God bless us still
	S	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

# rewarded?





#### **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, help
us to hold on to
what is fair and
to do what is
right and good.
Amen.

#### BLESSING

May God show loving kindness towards you and make his face shine upon you.

### Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make his house a "house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

Use this creative prayer idea to make your home a 'house of prayer' for others. Pass around a bag or bowl of M&Ms (or equivalent sweet) when your household gathers for prayer. Let each person take a handful, but don't let anyone eat them yet. Explain that the colour of the M&Ms will indicate the direction of your prayers. Lead your household in prayer using this guide:

- For every red M&M, pray for a member of your family by name.
- For every **green** M&M, pray for a friend or neighbour.
- For every orange M&M, pray for a teacher in your life.
- For every yellow M&M, pray for someone in need.
- For every dark brown M&M, pray for a leader in your life.
- For every blue M&M, pray for Christians in other places.
- · For any other colour, offer a prayer of your choice!

#### mealtime prayer

Lord, we give you praise and gratitude, for food and drink and family too. And also for a roof above, but most of all for your great love. Amen.

verse for the week

The Lord says,

"Hold on to what is right and fair.

Do what is right and good. My saving power will soon come."

ISAIAH 56:1



The Canaanite
Woman who came
to Jesus for help
wasn't made very
welcome by his
disciples (Matt 15:23).

Are newcomers
welcomed at your
church? What part do
you play in welcoming
others? Plan a way to
make someone who is
relatively new to your
church feel more at
home, or offer to serve
as part of your church's
greeting/welcoming
ministry.

