READINGS & PRAYERS

April 19th - April 25th, 2021

Text keyword **dailyreadings** to **97000** to sign up to receive a text message every morning, Monday through Saturday, with the day's Scriptures & a link to the podcast page. Each week's readings and prayers are also online at **www.newcitycincy.org/readings-prayers**

Jesus is Risen! This week continues in the season of Eastertide. Easter is about Jesus' resurrection. We celebrate his rising from the dead and his triumph over sin, death and hell!

Monday Psalm 69 | Daniel 4.19-27 | 1 John 3.19-4.6 | Luke 4.14-30

God our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the gospel.

Tuesday Psalm 70 | Daniel 4.28-37 | 1 John 4.7-21 | Luke 4.31-37

Father, you open the kingdom of heaven to those born again by water and the Spirit. Increase your gift of love in us. May all who have been freed from sins receive all that you have promised.

Wednesday Psalm 71 | Daniel 5.1-12 | 1 John 5.1-12 | Luke 4.38-44

Merciful Lord, hear the prayers of your people. May we who have received your gift of faith share forever in the new life of Christ.

Thursday Psalm 72 | Daniel 5.13-30 | 1 John 5.13-21 | Luke 5.1-11

Father, in this holy season we come to know the full depth of your love. You have freed us from the darkness of error and sin. Help us to cling to your truths with fidelity.

Friday Psalm 73 | Daniel 6.1-15 | 2 John 1-13 | Luke 5.12-26

Father, by the love of your Spirit, may we have experienced the grace of the Lord's resurrection rise to the newness of life in joy.

Saturday Psalm 74 | Daniel 6.16-28 | 3 John 1-15 | Luke 5.27-39

God our Father, you give new life to those in Christ. May we not succumb to the influence of evil but remain true to your gift of new life.

Sunday Psalm 75 | Daniel 7.1-12 | 1 Peter 5.1-11 | Matthew 7.1-5-29

Almighty and ever-living God, give us new strength from the courage of Christ our Shepherd, and lead us to join the saints in heaven.

*These readings and prayers are collected & adapted from <u>For All the Saints: A Prayer Book For and By the Church</u>

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Q33: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

A: **No,** they should not, as **everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.** To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.