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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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*Daily Devotion at Zion + August 2022 AD + **Season of Pentecost***

## What Are You Forgetting?

*Keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)*

Supplication for all the saints—what is it? *Supplication* is easy: it's praying for other people. What about *saint*? In Holy Scripture, *saint* is the word used for *hagios*, or “holy one.” So who is a holy one?

*Holy* means “set apart,” unlike anything else. A holy one is someone set apart from the rest of the world. In the end, there is only one such Holy One: God.

“Holy, holy, holy!” cry the angels in heaven (Isaiah 6:3). God loves as we do not; He lives as we cannot. He is unlike us, *utterly holy*. Yet His grace is that He shares this holiness with sinners through the gospel of Jesus Christ. All who trust in Him are *holy ones* for His sake alone: they are made saints.

So are you praying for all those who trust in Christ? It's good to pray for our family, friends, and ourselves in every time of need. Are you also praying for *the whole Church*, the gathering of all God's saints? Are you praying for the Gospel to spread, for God to raise up church workers, and for many to believe? If not, start! “Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you” (John 16:23).

## About the Cover Art

Léon Henri Antoine Loire (1821-1898) painted this image of a woman, a child, and an elderly man kneeling on chairs for prayer (people used to have to bring their own chairs for worship, and use them on kneelers when not sitting on them). Notice how the young woman turns and looks aside. Where is she looking, and why? Has she remembered something or someone she's forgotten? Or—since churches used to bury their dead beneath the floor—is it possible she has turned to recall a dead loved one, buried beneath her feet? Prayer is a time for remembering all the saints before Him who never forgets.

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 8 (July 31)

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| <b>S</b> Numbers 27:12-23<br>Acts 19:11-20<br>Mark 1:14-20                 | <b>Th</b> Deuteronomy 3:18-28<br>Romans 9:19-33<br>Matthew 24:1-14  |
| <b>M</b> Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27<br>Romans 8:26-30<br>Matthew 23:1-12        | <b>F</b> Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24—32:4<br>Romans 10:1-13<br>Matthew 24:15-31   |
| <b>T</b> Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34<br>Romans 8:31-39<br>Matthew 23:13-26 | <b>Sa</b> Deuteronomy 34:1-12<br>Romans 10:14-21<br>Matthew 24:32-51  |
| <b>W</b> Deuteronomy 1:1-18<br>Romans 9:1-18<br>Matthew 23:27-39           | <i><b>These readings (after Sunday) correspond to pages 263– 294 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints.</u></b></i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 9 (August 7)

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| <b>S</b> Joshua 1:1-18<br>Acts 21:3-15<br>Mark 1:21-27         | <b>Th</b> Joshua 3:14—4:7<br>Romans 12:1-8<br>Matthew 26:1-16                                       |
| <b>M</b> Joshua 2:1-14<br>Romans 11:1-12<br>Matthew 25:1-13    | <b>F</b> Joshua 4:19—5:1, 10-15<br>Romans 12:9-21<br>Matthew 26:17-25                               |
| <b>T</b> Joshua 2:15-24<br>Romans 11:13-24<br>Matthew 25:14-30 | <b>Sa</b> Joshua 6:1-14<br>Romans 13:1-7<br>Matthew 26:26-35  |
| <b>W</b> Joshua 3:1-13<br>Romans 11:25-36<br>Matthew 25:31-46  | <i><b>These readings correspond to pages 294—327 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints.</u></b></i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 10 (August 14)

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| <b>S</b> Joshua 6:15-27<br>Acts 22:30—23:11<br>Mark 2:1-12     | <b>Th</b> Joshua 9:3-21<br>Romans 15:1-13<br>Matthew 26:69-75  |
| <b>M</b> Joshua 7:1-13<br>Romans 13:8-14<br>Matthew 26:36-46   | <b>F</b> Joshua 9:22—10:15<br>Romans 15:14-24<br>Matthew 27:1-10                                     |
| <b>T</b> Joshua 8:1-22<br>Romans 14:1-12<br>Matthew 26:47-56   | <b>Sa</b> Joshua 23:1-16<br>Romans 15:25-33<br>Matthew 27:11-23                                      |
| <b>W</b> Joshua 8:30-35<br>Romans 14:13-23<br>Matthew 26:57-68 | <i>These readings correspond<br/>to pages 327-359 in Volume<br/>IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 11 (August 21)

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| <b>S</b> Joshua 24:1-15<br>Acts 28:23-31<br>Mark:2:23-28            | <b>Th</b> Judges 4:4-23<br>Acts 1:15-26<br>Matthew 27:55-66  |
| <b>M</b> Joshua 24:16-33<br>Romans 16:1-16<br>Matthew 27:24-31      | <b>F</b> Judges 5:1-18<br>Acts 2:1-21<br>Matthew 28:1-10   |
| <b>T</b> Judges 2:1-5, 11-23<br>Romans 16:17-27<br>Matthew 27:32-44 | <b>Sa</b> Judges 5:19-31<br>Acts 2:22-36<br>Matthew 28:11-20   |
| <b>W</b> Judges 3:12-30<br>Acts 1:1-14<br>Matthew 27:45-54          | <i>These readings correspond<br/>to pages 359-393 in Volume<br/>IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i> |