

## Possible Scripture Readings for the Year, we Belong

### **A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:9)**

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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### **A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 26:3-4)**

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace— in peace because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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### **A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 41:10)**

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43:1)**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah: 29:11)**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading From the Book of Proverbs (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Book of Joshua (Joshua 1:9)**

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or  
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Act of the Apostles (Acts 17:28)**

For in him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets  
have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (Romans 8:28)**

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (Romans 14:7-9)**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (Romans 15:13)**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (Galatians 3:26-29)**

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:6-8)**

Praise God's glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and insight.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:11)**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading From the First Letter of John (1 John 3:1)**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 8:21)**

We intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4:13)**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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**A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (Matthew 22:39)**

Jesus said, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to John (John 3:16)**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to John (John 13:34-35)**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to John (John 14: 1-6)**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to John (John 14:27)**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**