



Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

Matthew 14:13-21

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, you feed us on the riches of your kingdom, then invite us to feed others in kind. Spread the impulse of your generosity far and wide, that this world may see a revival of your original vision for creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. (Matthew 14:19-20)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Crowds throng in ever increasing numbers to see, hear and experience the great teacher/healer. But Jesus resists the impulse to keep the spotlight on himself. If anyone would follow him, they must learn the strength of their own faith, love, and generosity.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who are the miracle workers and healers in your community? How are they recognized? How are they rewarded? What is God's role in healing and the working of modern miracles?

How much authority has God given you that you are reluctant to claim? What might you accomplish if you accept responsibility for the gifts God has given you?

For the littles: What would you serve for dinner if you had very important guests coming? God is happy when all God's children are fed.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill your belly with food and your heart with love. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do one thing this week that honors the gifts God has given you that you have been reluctant to claim or use. Share your plan with someone who can hold you accountable for following through with your actions.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday, Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Gen. 35:22b-29; Acts 17:10-15

Friday, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28

Saturday, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Gen. 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4