



June 21, 2020
Matthew 10:24-39

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



Third Sunday
after Pentecost



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

Mighty God, you ask a lot of your disciples. Strengthen us to stand up for your truth, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable.

Encourage us by the example of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

***"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."** (Matthew 10:34)*



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus' words are biting and hard to hear. His message of love and faith will sometimes unify, and sometimes divide.



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

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

Our culture does not regularly use swords to fight. What do we use instead? How are our words used to cut? Do our fights and arguments serve to bring us closer to Jesus or farther from him?

For the littles: Have you ever had to stand up for something you believe in, even when someone else stood against you? How did it turn out?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God help you wrestle with those you disagree with. Amen.



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

Consider where God might be calling you to fight. Make a plan so that you can fight for what's right and at the same time maintain your integrity as a person of peace.



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

Monday, Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday, Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday, Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6

Friday, Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday, Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4