Grace Episcopal Church Read the Bible in a Year – **GraceFullBible** – New Testament Read entire New Testament in a Year with reading one chapter each week day.

Reflections: Virtual Class - Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings for August 24 - 28, 2015

**Prayer:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

General Thanksgiving | Mission St Clare | Daily Office in English | Book of Common Prayer

## **Readings:**

Day 168 | Monday | August 24 | <u>Galatians 6</u> | Paul – Words for Christians to live by; bear one another's burdens; he writes a postscript – I never boost of anything except the cross of Christ our Lord. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Day 169 | Tuesday | August 25 | <u>Ephesians 1</u> | Writer of Ephesians – God destined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will; we are fulfilling God's purpose in all things; I do not cease to give thank for you as I remember you in my prayers; May wisdom and revelation come to you; God rules in Jesus Christ making love and forgiveness the rule.

Day 170 | Wednesday | August 26 | <u>Ephesians 2</u> | Writer of Ephesians – you were died – now you are alive in Christ; For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works... (vs 8 – 9a); live in the Spirit and freedom for God is the whole structure of life.

Day 171 | Thursday | August 27 | <u>Ephesians 3</u> | Writer of Ephesians – I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>1</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (vs 16 - 19)

Day 172 | Friday | August 28 | Ephesians 4 | Writer of Ephesians – Lead a life to what God is calling you to do; Each of us is given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift; The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ; live in Christ; forgive, be kind and tenderhearted as God has forgiven.

## Prayer:

Pray for the redemption of the World. Pray for those persecuted for the faith today. Pray for your personal discipleship and your calling to serve the Kingdom of God in your world.