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and lows of the day, or respond

to the following

avestions:

What is a hope

you have for the

future? What is

a fear you have

about the future?

17th November 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - PROPER 28

stand firm

sundays after Pentecost **GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

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2 It has been said: "We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." What does this say to you?

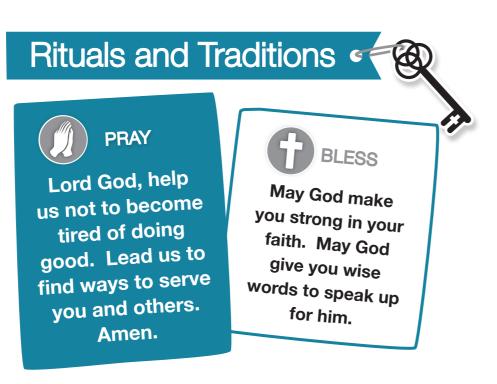
What promises does Jesus aive to us about the future? (Look up Luke 21:19.)

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Ę		READ Daily Bible	Readings
S	6	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
_N	1	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man
	-	Exodus 14:10-31	Stand firm
Ν	V	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Never tire of doing what is good
Т	-	lsaiah 65: 17-25	I will create new heavens
F		Jude 17-23	A call to persevere
S	6	Psalm 141	God is my refuge
S	3	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

TALK



Creative Response

Isaiah 65:17 tells us that God will "create new heavens and a new earth".

Verses 24-25 of that chapter describe a new place where "the wolf and the lamb will eat together and the lion will eat straw like the ox".

Share your personal "pictures of heaven" with each other (e.g. "I picture heaven as a place where ...").

As an additional activity, draw or paint these images. Place them up in your home together with the words of Isaiah 65:17a.

mealtime prayer

Lord, thank you for the food you send. Keep us in faith until the end. Amen.



verse for the week

stand firm, and you will win life. LUKE 21:19



In Luke 21, Jesus warns that some Christians will face persecution because they follow him. This is the case today in various parts of the world. Pray this week for:

- Christians in North *Korea.* In this country following Jesus is considered an act of treason, and Christians face the real threat of imprisonment and even execution.
- Christians in Sudan, Nigeria, Iraq and in various parts of Indonesia, India and Pakistan. Many Christians in these areas live in fear of being physically attacked by followers of other religions.
- Christians in China. House churches in China face the constant threat of raids from government authorities. Many house church leaders have been arrested and imprisoned in modern China. WITHERAN OF AUS

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