# **Scripture Readings for August 10, 2025**

#### Micah 6:1-8

## The LORD Brings Charges Against Israel

Israel, listen to the LORD's message. He says to me,

"Stand up in court.

Let the mountains serve as witnesses.

Let the hills hear what you have to say."

<sup>2</sup> Hear the LORD's case, you mountains.

Listen, you age-old foundations of the earth.

The LORD has a case against his people Israel.

He is bringing charges against them.

"My people, what have I done to you?

Have I made things too hard for you? Answer me.

<sup>4</sup>I brought your people up out of Egypt.
I set them free from the land
where they were slaves.

I sent Moses to lead them.

Aaron and Miriam helped him.

<sup>5</sup> Remember how Balak, the king of Moab, planned to put a curse on your people.

But Balaam, the son of Beor, gave them a blessing instead.

Remember their journey from Shittim to Gilgal.

I want you to know that I always do what is right."

"What should we bring with us
when we go to worship the LORD?
What should we offer the God of heaven
when we bow down to him?
Should we take burnt offerings to him?
Should we sacrifice calves
that are a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams?
Will he take delight in 10,000 rivers of olive oil?
Should we offer our oldest sons
for the wrong things we've done?
Should we sacrifice our own children
to pay for our sins?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The LORD says,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The people of Israel say,

<sup>8</sup> The LORD has shown you what is good.

He has told you what he requires of you.

You must act with justice.

You must love to show mercy.

And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.

## Hebrews 10:19-25

#### An Appeal and Warning to Remain Faithful

<sup>19</sup> Brothers and sisters, we are not afraid to enter the Most Holy Room. We enter boldly because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> His way is new because he lives. It has been opened for us through the curtain. I'm talking about his body. <sup>21</sup> We also have a great priest over the house of God. <sup>22</sup> So let us come near to God with a sincere heart. Let us come near boldly because of our faith. Our hearts have been sprinkled. Our minds have been cleansed from a sense of guilt. Our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching.