

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

You can use the *Forward Day by Day* Readers' Guide in many ways: on your own to enhance your experience of the month's meditations; gather a group from your parish to explore these questions together; or join in the discussion with Forward Movement's online community by visiting us at [www.ForwardMovement.org](http://www.ForwardMovement.org) or by following us on Facebook.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**June 2:** Watch a video or two of sheep playing. How are you like a sheep? How are you different?

**June 7:** When has the Kingdom of God come into your immediate life? How did it change the way you live and love?

**June 13:** Do you know any old stories about your family? Share them with some of your younger relatives and pass those stories down!

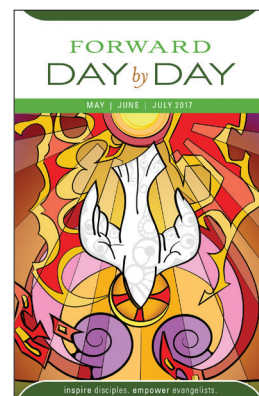
**June 16:** With whom do you feel comfortable crying? Do you have a friend or loved one who comes to you for comfort?

**June 23:** Have you ever given or received a hard review?

**June 30:** What does the "boat" of your life look like? Who is your crew? Are you the captain?

### ABOUT THE COVER

The artwork for this issue represents Pentecost, with the descending dove and tongues of fire celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.



### ABOUT THE ARTIST

The 2017 covers of *Forward Day by Day* have been created by artist **Roger Speer** exclusively for Forward Movement. These pieces, and over 20 more, are featured in *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*; an adult coloring book, *Pathways of Faith*; and *The Path: A Family Storybook*, available from Forward Movement. Examples of Roger's artwork can be found at [www.speerpoint.etsy.com](http://www.speerpoint.etsy.com). He and his wife Fran live in Georgia with their son Fynn.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**ANN ROSE** retired from a long career of teaching English and Humanities at Miami Dade College and currently teaches part-time at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida. She and her husband are members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. They have two adult daughters.

## THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

*At the end of every meditation in Forward Day by Day is the day's entry for the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (ACP). Maintained by the Anglican Communion Office in England, the ACP is a way to pray for every diocese and province in the Anglican Communion over a period of two years. The Anglican Communion has eighty million members in more than 160 countries—reflecting an astounding array of languages, cultures, and ministries.*

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer Spotlight:

Forward Movement and Episcopal Relief & Development invite you to pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and with special intention for the Diocese of Philippines.

The Philippines is blessed with abundant natural resources, but because the country is made up of over 7,000 islands with steep and rocky volcanic terrain, travel and trade can be difficult. Mountain communities face isolation, and without access to markets, local economies are unable to grow. The country has also been hit by several catastrophic storms in recent years, and communities are still working to recover.

Episcopal Relief & Development partners with E-CARE (the Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Empowerment Foundation), the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, to implement community-based programs in line with the agency's "Receivers-to-Givers" philosophy. After Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in November 2013, Church-supported agricultural programs expanded operations to provide emergency food aid to communities in need, and since then the communities who received assistance have developed programs to improve their own lives and help others in need. Project funding is paid back so that other communities can benefit and E-CARE can provide emergency aid when needed.



Photo Credit: episcopalrelief.org

Successive community-based typhoon responses have involved reconstructing housing, rehabilitating agricultural and livestock operations, improving land through reforestation and strengthening local economies through income-generating projects. All E-CARE programs use the asset-based community development (ABCD) approach, identifying available assets and resources and mobilizing them as the building blocks of development.

Agriculture is a cornerstone of many E-CARE projects, with an emphasis on natural farming techniques to avoid the negative environmental and health effects of chemical use and increase resilience to changes in climate. Using certified organic agricultural practices also benefits farmers economically, enabling them to meet local demand for organic produce and compete in export markets. E-CARE support for food processing and marketing enables these endeavors to grow.



Forward  
Movement

We're eager to hear what you and your readers' group discover in your discussions.

Share your thoughts and insights:

[www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org) | [rthompson@forwardmovement.org](mailto:rthompson@forwardmovement.org) | 800-543-1813

Connect with authors and other *Forward Day by Day* readers:

[www.facebook.com/forwarddaybyday](https://www.facebook.com/forwarddaybyday) | [www.twitter.com/forwarddaybyday](https://www.twitter.com/forwarddaybyday)