

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 or by following us on Facebook.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

May 6: What have your most joyful mornings been like?

May 12: What are some of your family's shorthand sayings? How did they come to be?

May 15: What is one thing you can do to bring more love to the tasks you are accomplishing today?

May 17: When was the last time you stood in the rain and thanked God for all the blessings of your life? Have you ever done this? Challenge yourself to do this the next time it rains.

May 21: How do gentleness and reverence express themselves in your life?

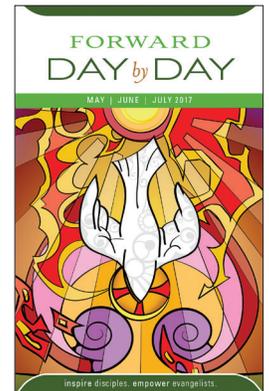
May 27: What are some kind and compassionate ways you can reach out to a hardheaded or hardhearted person you love?

May 29: Memorial Day (USA)

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country
Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —The Book of Common Prayer

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. He and his wife Fran live in Georgia with their son Fynn.



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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 Namibia.

Since gaining independence in 1990, Namibia has enjoyed relative stability. However, much of the country is desert, and with a young population—over half are under the age of twenty—the search for jobs has left rural areas sparsely inhabited and underserved. Namibia also has one of the highest HIV prevalence rates in the world, making this a major public health concern for the country.



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Episcopal Relief & Development works with the Anglican Diocese of Namibia's Anglican AIDS Program (AAP) to improve health and well-being in northern rural areas. The program works through local churches to facilitate support groups made up of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, volunteer caregivers and any other interested members of the community. These groups discuss health issues, coordinate home-based care and work on reducing social stigma and discrimination based on health status.

Additionally, following a peer learning exchange visit with the Diocese of Angola's Mothers' Union in Luanda, AAP established Savings with Education groups to enable members to build their personal savings and access a rotating loan fund to invest in small business endeavors. This economic empowerment and integration of people living with HIV/AIDS is essential in strengthening relationships and the community as a whole.



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