

## Morning Briefing

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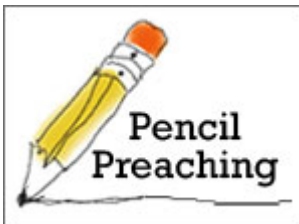
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Bread*

*Homiletic starters  
and scriptural  
reflection points for  
each day of the month*

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reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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