

## DEVOTIONS

*Think about devotions is as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!*

### GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

#### ✠ Prayer of the Week

Loving and eternal God, you've created us to be in community with one another. Let us be willing and open to show others the love of Jesus through building community, caring for one another and continuing to pray together. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

*Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.*

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Who can you reach out to today who might otherwise be feeling down or lonely? Has there been a time today when someone has made you feel encouraged?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** It says in Philippians not to worry, but instead let your requests be known to God. What do you need to stop worrying about and hand over to God?
- ? **Getting ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus emphasizes that his followers are required to be repentant when they make mistakes. Has there been a situation today that you need to correct or make right?

### DAILY BIBLE READING

*Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?*

### PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Sit together silently for a minute to think of ways you can intentionally show God's loving kindness to those around you. Go around the circle for everyone to share what they plan to do and then pray for each to be encouraged.

### CLOSING

- ✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✠ **Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share**  
*Mark one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead, and say, "May you be a blessing to others this week by showing God's love to all you encounter. Amen."*

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Luke 10:25-42



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27

### MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God of all, we bless you and thank you for providing this meal before us. Not only do we thank you for the meal, it is a joy to be able to be with one another to share a meal and to connect with you. Amen.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: **Who are we commanded to love as much as we God? What should we do together to stay connected to God?***

Sunday	Luke 10:24-42	The Samaritan and Martha and Mary
Monday	Leviticus 19:13-18	Be kind to your neighbor
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-10	Have love for each other
Wednesday	Luke 11:1-13	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	Matthew 6:5-13	Personal Prayer Time
Friday	Luke 12:22-34	No need to worry
Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9	Let go and let God

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

### SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Each person choose an elderly, ill or shut-in congregation member to check in on this week. Ask them what their prayer requests are and share a prayer together.