

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions 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

Dear Jesus, let us be as steadfast in our convictions as Paul was. Let us be willing to live our lives according to your will and your way. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What brought you joy today? What made you mad or sad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul is writing his letter from prison. But, even in these circumstances he is joyful. What is something difficult that happened today, and how can you see a little bit of hope in that situation?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's passage, Paul instructs his audience to be humble and serve others. Where did you see someone serving others today? What did you do to help someone?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Invite all to close their eyes, and pray the Lord's Prayer together out loud.

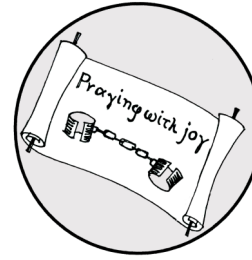
CLOSING

✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

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Philippians 1:1-18a

Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

I thank my God every time I remember you.
—Philippians 1:3

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you for bringing us around this table to break bread together. May we read, see, and hear new things as we break open your Word. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read this week, ask yourself: **What is Paul talking about in this letter? What connection can you make to your life?**

Sunday	Philippians 1:1-18a	The Church in Philippi
Monday	Philippians 1:18b-26	Paul's Reason for Happiness
Tuesday	Philippians 1:27-30	Fight for the Faith
Wednesday	Galatians 1:11-24	Paul Explains the Gospel
Thursday	Galatians 2:1-10	Paul at Jerusalem
Friday	Galatians 2:11-14	Paul and Peter
Saturday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved By Faith
Sunday	Philippians 2:1-13	Living like Jesus

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.

Gather around the table and each read a story out of the newspaper (or from a news website). After each person reads an article, pray for those featured in each story.