

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

God, you are the One who makes all things new! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Amen!

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What are three things that made you happy today? What is one thing that made you feel bad?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Paul writes near the end of his letter to the Philippians to pray in confidence to God and not worry. What is one thing that has worried you today? What is something that has made you rejoice?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Ask each person to say or write down at least one thing that is worrying them. Lift the worries up and pray: God of peace, we bring these worries to you. Thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Help us to rejoice in you. Amen.

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, "**May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.**"

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Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

—Philippians 4:6

MEALTIME PRAYER

God, we are amazed by all that you do for us! Let us praise you in all things, both great and small! Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is God doing in each story?**

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7	The Holy Spirit
Monday	Philippians 4:21-23	Paul's Benediction
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-7	Paul Exhorts Philemon
Wednesday	Philemon 1:8-22	Paul's Plea for Onesimus
Thursday	Acts 5:12-16	Many Are Healed
Friday	Revelation 21:1-6	God Makes All Things New
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7	God's Kingdom Come

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.

Contact someone whom you do not talk to very often. Ask how they are doing and if they have anything that you can pray for them about.