

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, we see in the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son, that not even death stops you from giving hope and life, where there is otherwise hopelessness and death. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that we might always be reminded that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What was the best part of the day? What was the worst part of the day?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Read the Scripture verse of the week. It says that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Can you think of a time or a moment that you felt the love of God today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Have each person name one new or difficult thing that they will need to do this week. Pray for direction and strength from the Holy Spirit to help and guide each person.

CLOSING

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

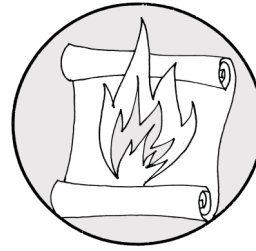
✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on their forehead, and say, "May the Holy Spirit help you in all that you do. Amen."

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Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:14-39



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[Nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:39

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your gifts of friendship, faith, and food. Thank you for gifts of family, peace, and drink. Thank you for the gifts of your grace, love, and presence in our lives. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What are the people doing in each passage? What is God doing?**

Sunday	Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:14-39	The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Monday	Romans 12:1-8	Transformed Lives
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-13	Genuine Love
Wednesday	Romans 12:14-21	Overcome Evil with Good
Thursday	Romans 13:1-7	Do What Is Good
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love One Another
Saturday	Romans 13:11-14	Salvation is Near!

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.

Reach out to a loved one who needs to hear from you: a grandparent, a kid in college, or a special friend. Write them a letter, email, text or call them. Remind them that they are loved.