



TAKING FAITH home

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EASTER 2B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
*The risen Jesus
gives us peace.*

mealttime prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, you
give us food for the body
and peace for the soul.
May faith be our way and
love be our goal. Amen.

verse for the week

That Sunday evening the disciples
were meeting behind locked doors
because they were afraid of the
Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus
was standing there among them!
"Peace be with you," he said.

JOHN 20:19

blessing

May the risen Lord
Jesus give you peace.
May your faith in him
stay strong. Amen.

FAITH 5



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the
FOURKEYS Faith Talk.



read and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are
related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to
read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	John 14:23-27	Jesus speaks of peace
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-8	We have peace with God
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:13-18	Christ Jesus is our peace
Thursday	Colossians 1:19-23	Peace through the blood of Jesus
Friday	Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace will be with you
Saturday	Psalms 29	God's people blessed with peace
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Witnesses of these things



talk about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss
some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS** Devotional Practices.



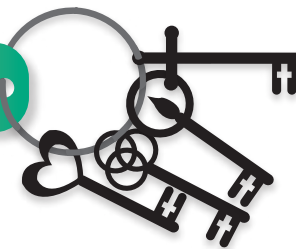
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



bless one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

FOUR KEYS

for the Home



1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt at peace? What made you feel that way?
- The risen Jesus appeared to his disciples and said "peace be with you". What is the peace that Jesus gives?
- In what ways are you experiencing God's peace in your life at the moment?



2. Devotional Practices

John 20:19-31 tells us that Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus responded by appearing to him and inviting Thomas to touch him. God's love is not turned away by our questions and doubts. In your household devotion times this week share questions and doubts you have about the Christian faith. Have each person complete this sentence: "Something I wonder about is ..." Invite responses from different household members, and talk about ways in which you can explore your questions further. Be sure to respect and listen carefully to one another. Pray for one another, asking Jesus to come to you.



3. Service

Acts 4:32-34 says that the first followers of Jesus shared their belongings with one another, and made sure that no fellow Christians were needy. Is there someone in your church community who is in need at this time – socially, emotionally or physically? Plan a way you can respond to that need as a household.



4. Rituals and Traditions

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another in public worship, as a physical expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. The New Testament refers to Christians greeting each other with a "holy kiss" (e.g. Romans 16:16). Decide together on a sign of peace that you can share together as a household in daily life e.g. a special handshake, hug or kiss. As you share this sign with each other say, "The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you."



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