



TAKING FAITH home

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PENTECOST 9B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
God provides for
his people's needs.

mealttime prayer

Lord Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we breathe and live, accept our thanks for all you give. Amen.

verse for the week

You open your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
PSALM 145:16

blessing

May the Lord touch you with his love, show you his kindness, and bring you his healing. Amen.
MARK 6:34,55-56

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 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Genesis 18:1-14	God eats with Abraham and Sarah
Tuesday	Exodus 24:1-11	The elders eat with God
Wednesday	Mark 8:1-10	Jesus feeds the four thousand
Thursday	Isaiah 25:6-9	A feast on the mountain
Friday	Philippians 4:10-20	Christian generosity
Saturday	Psalms 111	God gives food
Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life



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



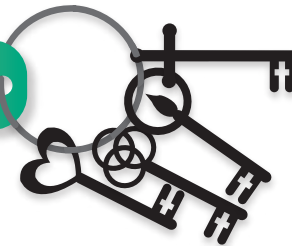
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



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 were very hungry.
- Jesus performed a miracle to feed a large crowd (John 6:1-13). When have you experienced God providing for you in a special way?
- One little boy's lunch was used by God to meet the hunger of many people. In what ways might God be seeking to use you, or what you have, to bring help to others?



2. Devotional Practices

St. Paul tells us that God is able to do much, much more than we ask or imagine, through his power that is at work in us (Ephesians 3:20). Take some time together to share your future hopes and dreams, both as individuals and for your household. Then consider what dreams God might have for you. Pray for God's blessing on one another's hopes and dreams.



3. Service

After Jesus fed the five thousand from just five small loaves and two fish he told his disciples to gather up what was left over. He said, "Let nothing be wasted." Are there items in your home that are being wasted, that are no longer being used but which might benefit someone else? Take some time to sort through your household belongings. Set aside items to donate to a local opportunity shop or charity.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Set aside time as a household to work together to bake some bread or cookies. Package up what you bake to give away to your neighbours. See how your efforts are multiplied into joy for others when you deliver your gifts.



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