



TAKING FAITH home

6 September 2015
PENTECOST 16B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
God cares for the needy.

mealtime prayer

Lord, as we thank you for much, bless those who have little. Give us hearts that care, and hands that share. Amen.

verse for the week

He stands up for those who are beaten down. He gives food to hungry people. The Lord sets prisoners free.

PSALM 146:7

blessing

May God give you a faith that rests in him, and is busy in serving others. 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	Mark 7:24-37	Christ heals the Gentiles
Monday	Isaiah 29:17-24	The deaf will hear
Tuesday	Mark 9:14-27	Jesus gives a boy speech
Wednesday	Matthew 5:13-16	Let your light shine before others
Thursday	Matthew 25:31-40	The works of the righteous
Friday	Luke 10:25-37	Go and do likewise
Saturday	Isaiah 38:9-20	Thanksgiving for healing
Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross



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 in need. Who helped you?
- The apostle James reminds us that having faith means that we are concerned with the needs of others (James 2:14-17). Name needs that you see in people whom you come into contact with.
- How are you involved in helping to provide for the needs of others?



2. Devotional Practices

Gather stories from the newspaper, magazines or the internet which describe people in need. Place these on a poster or pin board. In your household devotion times this week pray for these people and their situations.



3. Service

Psalm 146:7 says that God gives food to hungry people. Make an extra serve of food this week to give to a friend or neighbour in need of support e.g. an elderly person who lives alone, a family under stress, a person with sickness.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Create a permanent category on your shopping list entitled Items for the Needy. Whenever you shop for groceries, purchase a non-perishable food item or toiletries item to contribute to your church donation chest or a local charity assisting those in need. Involve different household members in choosing items for purchase. Set up a special collection box in your home to store the items and pray together for God to bless those who will receive your donations.



Developed by Pastor Greg Priebbenow (St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bundaberg) in partnership with Lutheran Church of Australia, Grow Ministries www.growministries.org.au

