



# TAKING FAITH home

25 October 2015  
PENTECOST 22B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Jesus helps and saves those who cry out to him.

## mealttime prayer

God our Saviour, we give you thanks for food so good, food so tasty, food so full of flavour! Amen.

## verse for the week

Jesus is able always to save those who come to God through him because he always lives, asking God to help them.

HEBREWS 7:25

## blessing

May the Lord Jesus hear all your prayers, meet all your needs, and give you faith to always seek for him. Amen.

MARK 10:48-52

## 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 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus
Monday	2 Kings 6:8-23	Elisha and the Arameans
Tuesday	Mark 8:22-26	Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida
Wednesday	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals two blind men
Thursday	John 9:1-11	Jesus heals a man born blind
Friday	John 9:24-41	Spiritual blindness
Saturday	Psalms 119:17-24	Open my eyes
Sunday	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbour



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



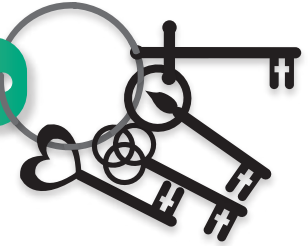
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**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 put down by others.
- When blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, others told him to be quiet (Mark 10:46-52). What did Bartimaeus do? What did Jesus do?
- What can we learn from the example of Bartimaeus? What can we learn from the response of Jesus?



## 2. Devotional Practices

When Bartimaeus came to Jesus, he threw his cloak aside, trusting in Jesus to heal him (Mark 10:49-50). Select a piece of cloth to serve as your household prayer cloak. In your devotion times this week, write down prayer requests beginning with these words: Son of David, have mercy on me. Attach these to your prayer cloak with pins or pegs. At the end of your prayer time cast your cloak aside as an active symbol of your faith in God to hear and respond to your prayers.



## 3. Service

There are approximately 40 million people in the world who are blind. Ninety percent of these people live in the world's poorest countries, and almost half of all blind people are aged under 15. Up to half-a-million children become blind every year simply because of vitamin A deficiency. Founded in 1908, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) is an independent Christian development organisation dedicated to preventing and curing blindness and to the education and rehabilitation of people who are blind or have other disabilities. CBMI has over 1000 ongoing projects in about 110 countries. Visit [www.cbm.org.au](http://www.cbm.org.au) to find out more the work of this organisation, and how you can support their work.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

October 31 is observed as Reformation Day by many churches, a day to remember the reform that came to the Christian Church in the 1500s. Take time this week as a household to explore the life story of the great reformer Martin Luther. Discover how he took a stand for the truth of the Gospel (a good website to look at is: <http://www.luther.de/en/leben.html>). If suitable, watch the *Luther* movie together (2003, rated M).



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