



TAKING FAITH home

1 November 2015
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

Jesus gives us hope and
strength in the face of death.

mealtime prayer

Lord God, you feed the living, lift up the fallen and give life to the dead. Praise and thanks be to you forever. Amen.

verse for the week

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

MATTHEW 25:40

blessing

May God fill your life with comfort, peace and hope. May the love of Jesus lift you up and faith in Christ carry you home. 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 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	Those in white robes
Tuesday	John 11:17-27	Jesus comforts Martha
Wednesday	John 5:24-29	Crossed from death to life
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:12-22	Resurrection of the dead
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	Life from the pit
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's offering



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



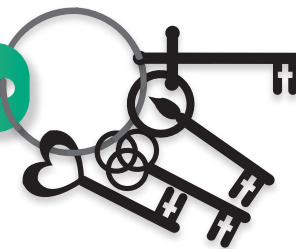
pray for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



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:

- What experiences of people dying have you had? What do you remember from those times?
- How did Jesus respond to the sorrow of Mary and Martha? What does that teach us about God?
- How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?



2. Devotional Practices

On All Saints Day we remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died. As part of your household devotional times this week, light candles for Christian friends and relatives who have died, whether recently or long ago. As each candle is lit, say these words together: *Thank you, God, for the earthly life of ... (Name) ..., and for new life they have in you.*



3. Service

Send a sympathy card from your household to a person who is mourning the death of a friend or family member. Include them in your prayers throughout the week.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Visit a local cemetery as a household. Look at the different gravestones and take note of symbols of Christian faith. Talk together about the hope that Christians have in the face of death because of Jesus.



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