

TAKING FAITH HOME



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the *faith*5 faith acts in the home



share your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** caring conversations.



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	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Hebrews 2:9-18	Jesus was tempted as we are
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Be careful that you don't fall
Wednesday	Luke 22:39-46	Jesus on the Mount of Olives
Thursday	James 1:2-18	Trials and temptations
Friday	Genesis 39	Joseph resists temptation
Saturday	Psalms 119:1-16	The word of God
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem



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



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



bless one another using the following blessing or make up your own.

mealtime prayer

You give us bread for living, O God. Save us from living for bread. Amen.

verse for the week

With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved.

ROMANS 10:10 (NIRV)

blessing

May God bless you with his love. May he rescue and protect you, and give you long life. Amen.

PSALM 91:14-16

FOURKEYS

for practising faith

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt tempted. What happened?
- How did the devil tempt Jesus? How did Jesus respond?
- What can we learn from the way Jesus responded?



Lent is a season of the church year when we give particular focus to prayer. As a household, make the decision to pray for specific things each day of the week over Lent. Here are some ideas:

Sunday	for pastors and other church workers, and for the ministry of your congregation.
Monday	for missions and missionaries.
Tuesday	for friends and neighbours, and for those who don't know Christ.
Wednesday	for political leaders and world peace.
Thursday	for colleagues at work or school.
Friday	for your relatives.
Saturday	for personal needs or concerns.

You may want to print or write up your chosen schedule and post it where all household members can see.



Think of a food item that is especially tempting for your household, but with which you could do without. Decide to forgo it for this week or longer, and set aside the money saved to donate to charity.

Set up a "crown of thorns" wreath as a home devotional focus. Make or purchase a grapevine wreath to use as the base. Insert six purple candles, one for each remaining week of Lent, and a white candle to represent Christ. Light one candle for this week, two for the week after, and so on. Begin Holy Week (on Palm Sunday) with all of the candles lit, then extinguish one candle each night thereafter. Light the Christ candle as you celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, and decorate the wreath with flowers.

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism:

Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Lead us not into temptation".

What does this mean? God tempts no one to sin, but we ask in this prayer that God would watch over us and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful self may not deceive us and draw us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins. And we pray that even though we are so tempted, we may still win the final victory.



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