

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 19:28-40	Blessed is the King who comes
Monday	Luke 14:25-34	Being a disciple
Tuesday	Luke 20:9-19	The parable of the tenants
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Thursday	Luke 22:7-38	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 22:47 – 23:49	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 31:1-5,9-16	Like broken pottery
Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	He is risen!



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

Come Lord Jesus, come as King. Praise to you, our voices sing! Bless our food and bless our home. Make our humble hearts your throne. Amen.

verse for the week

They shouted, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God."

LUKE 19:38 (CEV)

blessing

May the Lord Jesus rule in your heart as King, and fill your life with his peace. Amen.

FOURKEYS

for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were excited to see someone.
- When Jesus entered Jerusalem people welcomed him by waving branches. How do you show that Jesus is welcome in your home?
- What in your life do you want to praise God for right now?



Aim to gather as a household for a devotional time each day of Holy Week. Set aside a table or some bench space as a home altar area for the week. Each day pray this opening prayer together:

Loving God, lead us this Holy Week to see again how much you have done for us. Give us faith in Jesus our Saviour and help us to always follow him. Amen.

Then listen to the Bible reading for the day (see overleaf) and add the daily symbol for Holy Week to your home altar area.

Palm Sunday: Palm Frond
Holy Monday: Salt
Holy Tuesday: Stone
Holy Wednesday: Silver Coins

Maundy Thursday: Bread & Grape Juice
Good Friday: Nails
Holy Saturday: Piece of broken pottery

End your time together each day with these words:

Go in the peace of Jesus our Lord: He died that we might live. Amen.

On Easter Sunday replace the symbols with an empty wooden cross and fresh flowers.



Set aside time this week to prepare Easter cards and gifts to give away to others. Include on your list people who live alone or who are without family nearby. Make a point of praying for these people during the week.



Holy Week can be a somber, reflective time which deepens our understanding and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Consider how you can create a "Holy Week atmosphere" in your home. Some suggestions are: (1) Unplug the TV or home stereo for the week; (2) Avoid special treats and outings during the week; (3) Put away ornaments, pictures and other decorations featured in your home; (4) Set up a large cross in a prominent place inside or outside your home.



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