

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	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth
Monday	Isaiah 45:18-22	The Lord speaks the truth
Tuesday	John 4:7-24	Spirit and truth
Wednesday	John 15:26-27, 16:5-11	The Spirit will tell about Jesus
Thursday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Friday	1 John 4:1-6	Truth and falsehood
Saturday	Psalms 86:1-13	I will walk in your truth
Sunday	Luke 7:1-10	The faith of a Roman centurion



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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, you heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

verse for the week

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

JOHN 16:13 (NIV)

blessing

May God the Father give you peace. May Jesus the Son bless you with his kindness. May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with love. Amen.

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Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is a guide? When have you needed a guide?
- Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them (John 16:13). How does the Holy Spirit guide people?
- In what ways do you need God's guidance at the moment?



When you gather together this week for meals or for household devotions, begin with these words: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." As you do so, make the Sign of the Cross gesture, which is typically done by (1) bringing the thumb, index and middle finger together (representing the Trinity); (2) touching the forehead while saying, "In the name of the Father"; (3) touching the lower chest while saying, "and of the Son"; (4) touching the one shoulder (left first in western Christian traditions, right first in eastern Christian traditions) while saying, "and of the Holy Spirit", and then crossing to the other shoulder.

Making the Sign of the Cross reminds us of the grace we have received through the cross of Jesus. The four points of the cross can also signify loving God with all of one's heart, soul, mind and body.



Romans 5:3-4 speaks of the sufferings experienced by Christians. Whom do you know in your congregation or community that is experiencing suffering at this time e.g. has health problems, is grieving a friend or loved one, is finding it hard financially? Plan an act of household service to encourage them. Include them in your household prayers.



There are various symbols used by Christians for the Trinity. Work together as a household to identify as many of these symbols as you can – look on the internet, take notice of the symbols used in your church, borrow a book from the library etc.

Make it a household project to be "on the lookout" for wherever these symbols appear during the course of the week (e.g. spot as many triangles as you can). You could also display some of these symbols in your home, or find ways to integrate them into your daily life (e.g. if you own a musical triangle you could use it as a gathering signal for meals or household devotions).



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