

# TAKING FAITH HOME

24th November 2013



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.

<b>Sunday</b>	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified King
<b>Monday</b>	Matthew 2:1-6	The one born King
<b>Tuesday</b>	Luke 19:28-38	Blessed is the King
<b>Wednesday</b>	John 18:33-37	Jesus questioned by Pilate
<b>Thursday</b>	Revelation 19:11-16	King of Kings, Lord of Lords
<b>Friday</b>	1 Timothy 6:11-16	Fight the good fight
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 24	The King of glory comes
<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 24:36-44	The sudden coming of salvation



**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

Lord of lords and King of kings, to you our thanks and praise we bring - for health and food and all you give, for every moment that we live. Amen.

## verse for the week

God has freed us from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness.

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 (NCV)

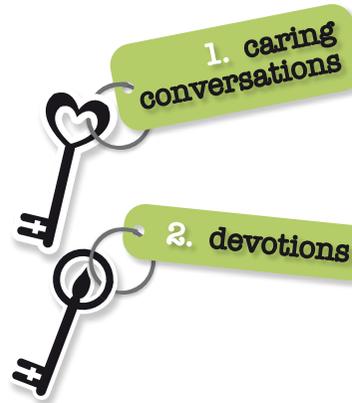
## blessing

May God make you patient and strong, so that you never give up. Amen.

COLOSSIANS 1:11

# FOURKEYS

for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- Imagine that a king is coming to your house today. How will you prepare for his visit?
- How is Jesus like an earthly king? How is he different?
- What does it mean to have Jesus as your King?

Use this simple liturgy based on Colossians 1:12-14 to begin your home devotional times this week.

*Preparation:*

Gather together matches, one candle for each household member and an additional "Christ candle". Darken your devotional area by turning off any lights and closing doors and curtains.

**Leader:** We were under the power of darkness. But God sent Jesus the Light into the world to save us.

(Light the Christ candle).

**All:** God brought us into the kingdom of Jesus his Son. We now belong to the kingdom of light.

(The other candles are lit from the Christ candle).

**Leader:** Jesus has paid for our sins and through him we are forgiven.

**All:** Thanks be to God, forever and ever. Amen.



As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in the church who have served you in God's name - pastors, lay ministry staff, church leaders, musicians, program leaders etc.

This is the last week of the church year. Next Sunday we enter Advent. Take some time to share household memories of your involvement in the church this past year.

- What were some highlights?
- What did you learn this last year?
- In what ways did you grow?
- Whom did you get to know better?
- Whom were you blessed by or through?

Share your hopes for your involvement in the church in this coming year. Say a prayer of thanks for your church and for God's work in and through it over the last 12 months.



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