

TAKING FAITH HOME



3rd November 2013 - All Saints

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 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	There is a time for everything
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:1,4-9	The Lord will wipe away tears
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Hope for those who grieve
Thursday	Revelation 7:9-17	A huge crowd in white robes
Friday	Revelation 21:1-5	God will wipe away tears
Saturday	Psalm 13	I trust in your unfailing love
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection



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, as we await our home in heaven, bless our home on earth. As you fill our stomachs with food, please fill our hearts with faith. Amen.

verse for the week

"Blessed are you who are hungry now. You will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are sad now. You will laugh."

LUKE 6:21 (NIRV)

blessing

May your Father in heaven give you the wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit, so that you grow to know God better. Amen.

EPHESIANS 1:17

FOURKEYS

for practising faith



1. caring conversations

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were sad. Who comforted you?
- Jesus said "Blessed are you who are sad now. You will laugh" (Luke 6:21). How does God comfort people who are sad?
- People are very sad when friends or loved ones die. How does faith in Jesus help people who are mourning?



2. devotions

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday, a Sunday in the church year for remembering Christians who have "finished the race" and entered God's heavenly kingdom. In observance of All Saints, research and share the life stories of some of these famous Christians from past times.

<i>Albert Schweitzer</i>	<i>Ireneaus of Lyons</i>
<i>Ambrose of Milan</i>	<i>Johannes Flierl</i>
<i>Athanasius of Alexandria</i>	<i>John Calvin</i>
<i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	<i>John Newton</i>
<i>Boniface</i>	<i>John Wesley</i>
<i>Brother Andrew</i>	<i>John Wycliffe</i>
<i>Charles Wesley</i>	<i>Jonathan Edwards</i>
<i>David Livingstone</i>	<i>Martin Luther</i>
<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	<i>Mother Theresa</i>
<i>Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Patrick of Ireland</i>
<i>Hudson Taylor</i>	<i>William Tyndale</i>

Say prayers of thanks for their faith and service for the sake of the Gospel.



3. service

On All Saints Sunday we are called to remember those around us who are grieving. Is there someone you know who is mourning a loved one? Phone them, send a card, or take them a bunch of flowers or a plate of treats.



4. rituals & traditions

Set aside time to light candles in remembrance of Christian friends or loved ones who have died. Have a minute of silence and listen to a household member read from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Look at pictures of your departed loved ones and share stories about their lives. If possible, visit their gravesites. Take along flowers to leave behind in their honour.



TAKING FAITH HOME

Written by Pastor Greg Priebbenow (St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bundaberg) in partnership with Faith Incubators Australia www.faithink.com.au FOR USE SOLELY IN AUSTRALIA

