

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

✠ Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, as we move through the story of your death toward your resurrection, may we experience the great love you have for us. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What made you sad today? What made you feel good?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** This week's story begins Holy Week, a special time to remember what Jesus experienced up to his death. What is one way you were hurt today? What is one way that you felt love?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's story, much to everyone's amazement, Jesus's tomb is found empty after his death on the cross. What happened today that surprised and delighted you?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Creator of all, there are times that we know you are there, even when we cannot feel your presence. Remind us in these times that you promised that you would not leave or forsake us. Amen.

CLOSING

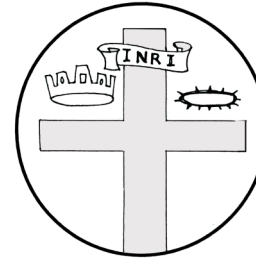
✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Stand in a circle, hand palms positioned open and up, while someone proclaims Revelations 7:12, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

—John 19:17

MEALTIME PRAYER

God our King, thank you for the gifts of food and drink that are before us. Strengthen us for the work you have called us to do, both easy and difficult. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

The readings this week bring us to the crucifixion of Jesus. Ask yourself: **Who are the people in the story? How do you think they feel?**

Sunday	John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]	A Different Kind of King
Monday	John 17:10-13	Jesus Protected His Disciples
Tuesday	John 17:14-19	The Word of God
Wednesday	Psalm 22:1-5	A Psalm of Lament
Thursday	John 19:23-30	The Crucifixion
Friday	John 19:31-42	Jesus Is Buried
Saturday	Psalm 22:6-11	A Psalm of Lament, Continued
Sunday	John 20:1-18	Jesus Is Risen!

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!**

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Write cards to those who might be sad this Easter. Tell them how much you love them and how much God loves them.