

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

God, you call us to follow your example of service and love. Help us to live out your example on a daily basis. Direct our hearts to those in need. And equip us with the gift of the Holy Spirit to act with love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** How did you serve or receive service from someone today? How did you not serve or received a disservice from someone today?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** During Jesus' time, feet were the dirtiest part of the body. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to set an example of how we should love and serve one another. What did you do today that was undesirable? Did you show love through this action?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Peter never denies who Jesus is as the Son of God. He denies being a follower of Jesus. What was something you were embarrassed about today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✚ Gather a basin with water and a towel. Sitting in a circle, wash each other's feet or hands with their permission, and then wipe them dry with a towel. Say a prayer for each person after washing them.

CLOSING

- ✚ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✚ **Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share**
With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Child of God, serve others in love."

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John 13:1-17



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."
—John 13:15.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Around the table, God, your Son shared a meal with those he loved. Around the table, God, your Son served those whom he loved. Around the table, God, help us to love and serve each other. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Something to consider as you read: **What is happening to Jesus in each of these stories? What does it mean to faithful?***

Sunday	John 13:1-17	Jesus Serves
Monday	John 13:21-30	Jesus' Betrayal Foretold
Tuesday	John 13:31-38	Peter Will Deny Jesus
Wednesday	John 14:1-7	Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
Thursday	John 15:1-7	Jesus Is the True Vine
Friday	John 17:1-5	Jesus Prays for His Disciples
Saturday	John 18:1-11	Jesus Is Arrested
Sunday	John 18:12-27	Peter Denies Jesus

*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.

Create a service jar for the week. Write seven challenges onto slips of paper, like folding laundry, emptying the dishwasher, or taking out the trash. Place the slips of paper in a jar. Each day a different person pulls a slip of paper out of the jar. If someone needs help completing the challenge, serve together in doing the task.