

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE DAY

Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."
- Luke 19:40

MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, God,
for food,
and all your gifts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Something to consider as you read: **What do we learn about God in these stories?**

Sunday Luke 19:28-40

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SERVICE CHALLENGE

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DEVOTIONS

Devotions are an extension and continuation of our worship life together. The following is a basic pattern for a family or individual devotion time.

GATHERING

Light a candle to help you focus this time as sacred.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Book of Common Worship*

Eternal God, in your tender love for humanity you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Read aloud the assigned Daily Bible Reading from the front.

RESPONDING

CARING CONVERSATION

Highs & Lows: Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go well today.

Thinking About Today's Story: What does this story say about God? What does this story ask me to do? What does this story say to my Highs & Lows?

Getting Ready for Tomorrow: Name one thing you are concerned about and for which you want prayer. Name one thing that excites you. Pray for one another!

SENDING

Extinguish the candle as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

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Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."

- John 12:7

MEALTIME PRAYER

Holy God, we thank you
for home, family, and friends.
May your love be with us
as we break bread in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Monday John 12:1-11; Isaiah 42:1-9

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Augustine, (354-430 CE)

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it, that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases your sight; I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you. Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare your servant from strange sins. Amen.

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A BLESSING TO SHARE

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."
- John 12:32

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God,
we give you thanks
for all the good things you give us.
May we enjoy and share them with others;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READING

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Tuesday John 12:20-36; Isaiah 49:1-7

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Karl Barth, (1886-1968 CE)

O Lord, you know who we are; Christians by conviction and Christians by convention, those who believe, those who half believe, those who disbelieve. But now we all stand before you, different, yet alike in that we are all in the wrong with you and one another, but also in your grace is promised and made available to us all in Jesus. Amen.

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The Lord bless you and keep you in your going out and your coming in from now and forever. Amen.

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Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him."
- John 13:31b

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, be our holy guest,
our morning joy,
our evening rest;
and with our daily bread impart
your love and peace to every heart. Amen.

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Wednesday John 13:21-32; Isaiah 50:4-9a

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St. Basil

Lord our God, cleanse us from our sins, secret and open; and from every thought displeasing to your goodness, cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart, and a clean soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen.

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"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

- John 13:14

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of grace,
sustain our bodies with this food,
our hearts with true friendship,
and our souls with your truth,
for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Thursday

John 13:1-17; Psalm 116

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Origen, (185-254 CE)

Come to me, O servant Lord, pour water in your bowl, and wash my feet. I am bold to ask this because of my longing for fellowship with you.

Wash my feet, then, and be my companion. Amen.

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There is no shared blessing on Maundy Thursday.*

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When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- John 19:30

MEALTIME PRAYER

Creator of the universe,
bless this food that you have made
and human hands have prepared.
May it satisfy our hunger,
and in sharing it together
may we come closer to one another. Amen.

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Friday John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22

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*There is no lit candle on Good Friday
as we remember our Lord's death.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

William Barclay

Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that has spoiled our witness for thee; that so often men would never have known that we had been with Jesus and pledged ourselves to him: that we have so often denied with our lives that which we said with our lips; for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live more nearly in the days to come. Amen.

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"Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!"

- Isaiah 55:1

MEALTIME PRAYER

Blessed Lord,
fill our hearts with joy and delight.
Give us what we need
and enough to spare for works of mercy
in honor of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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Saturday Luke 24:1-12; Isaiah 55:1-11

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Ambrose of Milan, (339-397 CE)

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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A BLESSING TO SHARE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the power of his resurrection.
Amen.



MAX participants, using a design from *A Sanctified Art*, prepared the paper lace banner triptych that will hang in the NRPC sanctuary for Eastertide. Glenna Durbin colored this smaller version of the paper lace design.