

God loves us, and is always at work in our lives. Right now, we have a special opportunity to grow in our faith, hope, and love. Here are some ways we can thank God in all circumstances and keep our hearts focused on God.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Set up a place in your home where you and your family can worship together. Make the place special by lighting a candle or setting up a cross. Read the Bible together, and ask God to speak to you through the reading. Sing a hymn of praise, or offer prayers to thank Him. You could have a bowl of water to remind you of your baptism, remembering that you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.



DEVOTIONS

There are many ways you can do devotions in your home. One simple and powerful way is FAITH 5:

The five steps are:

STEP 1: SHARE your high and lows.

STEP 2: READ a Bible verse or story.

STEP 3: TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows.

STEP 4: PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

STEP 5: BLESS one another. Draw the sign of the cross on one another's forehead or hand and say, Jesus loves you, or you are God's child, or something like that.

Need scripture ideas? Check out Camp Mount Luther's daily devotions at: <https://cmlfaithformation.weebly.com/> or find Bible readings that go with Sunday's scriptures here: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. Just pick one scripture or verse to read in your household for the day.

HELPING OTHERS

- Pray for everyone. Pray for our communities, churches, schools, families, etc.
- Be a positive example. "They will know we are Christians by our love."
- Send cards to those in the nursing homes and to others you care about.
- Consider making a special donation to help those in need.