

NOVEMBER 24, 2016  
THANKSGIVING DAY

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*Jesus is the bread that gives life!*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect upon these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Thursday	John 6:25-35	Whoever comes will never go hungry
Friday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Rejoice in what God has given
Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9	Pray with thanksgiving
Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The sudden coming of salvation

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. **Philippians 4:6 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord God, all I have comes from you. Thank you for your goodness to me. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Father in Heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together this special day. We give thanks for this food, prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, and for the freedom to enjoy it. As we share this food, please give us health and strength to love and serve others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with eyes to see his goodness and a heart to give him thanks. Amen.



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### CARING CONVERSATIONS

As part of your Thanksgiving Day activities, take some time together to reflect on the past year:

- What were the major events that took place in your life this year?
- What are your best memories?
- Did anyone experience hard times? If so, what did you learn or how did you grow?
- In what ways did you experience God's love and care?

Conclude with a shared prayer time. Invite each person to say a "finish the sentence prayer" – **"God, I thank you for ..."**

### DEVOTIONS

After the meal, read Psalm 107:1-9. Then, go around the table and talk about what you are thankful for. After each person mentions what they are thankful for, the group responds:

**"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his steadfast love endures forever."**

As an alternative, gather in another space and toss a soft ball or other item to one another. Whoever catches the ball or item tells about what they are thankful for. After everyone has had a chance to share, close with the Lord's Prayer.

### SERVICE

Many people are alone at home or in a hospital or other care facility on Thanksgiving Day. Identify someone in this situation. Call and make plans to visit them and bring along Taking Faith Home to use as part of your time together. Conclude the visit by using "A Blessing to Give" found in this Taking Faith Home.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

A Christian tradition is to sing songs of faith. Gather together to sing favorite Christian songs. If you need musical accompaniment, use CDs or songs available on YouTube.



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