



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

13th October 2019  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – PROPER 23  
Giving thanks

Sundays after Pentecost

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such  
represents growth, life and hope.

verse for the week  
Come and see  
what our God  
has done, what  
awesome miracles  
he performs for  
people.

PSALM 66:5

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What's the best gift you have ever received?

2

What gifts have you received from God that you are thankful for?

3

How do you express your thankfulness to God?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

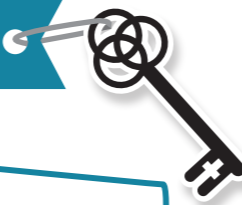
S	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
M	Colossians 2:6-15	Overflowing with thankfulness
T	Deuteronomy 8:10-18	Remember the Lord your God
W	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving
T	1 Chronicles 16:1,7-36	King David gives thanks
F	Psalms 100	Enter his gates with thanksgiving
S	Psalms 66: 1-12	See what God has done
S	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, you have given us so much. Please give us thankful hearts. Amen.



BLESS

May God show you his kindness and mercy and fill your heart with thanks.

## Creative Response

When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returned to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19). As God's people, we are called to count our blessings each day and give thanks to God.

Think together about people, events and experiences for which you can and should give thanks. Use this acrostic of the word THANKS to guide you.

Thank God for:

a **T**hing provided;

a **H**elp received;

**A**nother's company;

an **eN**joyable moment;

a **K**indness received;

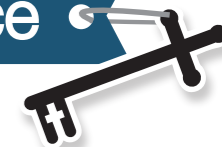
a **S**urprise enjoyed.

Finish your time of sharing by giving thanks in prayer.

### mealtime prayer

God of grace, for food make us thankful, for friends make us joyful, and for your service make us faithful. Amen.

## Service



Only one of the ten lepers healed returned to give thanks to Jesus. There are many people who serve us in various ways in our communities – in schools, churches, community organisations, service industries – who receive little thanks for what they do.

Prepare a thank you card or gift (e.g. a plate of biscuits) to give to someone who serves your household in some way (e.g. policeman, school teacher). Give thanks to God for them in your prayers this week.