



SHARE

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

1

Have you ever felt abandoned by a friend? What happened?

2

What does it mean to "stand by" others?

3

Even when his friends abandoned him, Paul writes that "The Lord stood by my side and gave me strength" (2 Timothy 4:16-17). What do you need God's strength for?

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 18:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray
M	Matthew 23:1-12	Jesus teaches about humility
T	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating Christ's humility
W	Matthew 6:5-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
T	James 4:6-10	Humble yourselves before God
F	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18	Fight the good fight
S	Psalms 84: 1-7	How lovely is your dwelling place
S	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus

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

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

God, have mercy on us, for we are sinners. Amen.

BLESS

May the Lord give you strength to share his good news with others.



Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Use one or more of these suggestions for your home devotional times this week:

- The Reformation was sparked when Martin Luther posted 95 theses (or statements) of belief on the doors of a church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. Compose a numbered list of "we believe" statements for your household. Attach the list to the front door of your home as your Reformation statement.
- In 1521 Martin Luther was required to explain and defend his beliefs before the Emperor at a Diet (or Assembly) in the city of Worms. When asked to take back his words he said "Here I stand. I can do no other". Talk together about what is involved in taking a stand for Jesus. Then trace the footprints of household members on pieces of card and cut these out. On each one write these words from 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Stand firm. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord." Position the footprints on floors of your house as reminders of the call to stand up for Jesus.
- Learn the words and tune of the classic Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

mealt ime prayer

We thank you for our food, O God, for life and joy and play. We thank you for the special things you give to us this day. Amen.

verse for the week

If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured.

LUKE 18:14B

Service

In 2 Timothy 4, Paul writes of his experience of being deserted by others, of feeling alone.

Be the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to the lonely in your area. Invite someone who lives alone or who is new to your community to a picnic in a park or to go for a walk together.