



# Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 27

YEAR B

God cares for those who are in need



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Sunday between  
November 6 and  
November 12



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you needed someone else to help you. What happened?
2. How have you helped someone else who was in need?
3. It has been said that Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. Would you agree with this? Explain your answer.



## BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

<b>S</b>	<b>Mark 12:38-44</b>	The widow's generous offering
<b>M</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:8-16</b>	Elijah helps a widow
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 9:24-28</b>	Christ's great sacrifice
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:17-24</b>	Elijah revives the widow's son
<b>T</b>	<b>James 1:27-28</b>	Look after orphans and widows
<b>F</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 10:12-22</b>	God defends the wide
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 146</b>	Praise for God's help

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

The LORD watches over the outsiders who live in our land. He takes good care of children whose fathers have died. He also takes good care of widows.

PSALM 146:9



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Look out for news stories this week about people who are poor or in need. Make a point of praying for these people. Use the following 'Prayer for the Poor':

Jesus,  
 You are the Word – to be spoken;  
 The Truth – to be told;  
 The Way – to be walked;  
 The Light – to be shone;  
 The Joy – to be shared;  
 The Bread of Life – to be given;  
 The Hungry – to be fed;  
 The Naked – to be clothed;  
 The Homeless – to be taken in;  
 The Sick – to be healed;  
 The Lonely – to be loved;  
 The Unwanted – to be wanted;  
 The Little One – to be embraced.  
 Lord Jesus, you are with the poor and needy around us. Help us to be your hands, feet and voice to them. Amen



## ACTION RESPONSE

Read Mark 12:38-44. This reading tells about a widow who gave two small coins, sometimes called mites. A mite box is used to save coins for charitable purposes.

Set up a jar or box in your home as your household mite box. Throughout the year, place your loose change in it. Decide on where you will donate what is collected during the year.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Happy are those who hope in God. The Lord feeds the hungry and cares for the poor. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!



## PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for watching over us. We pray for your care and protection for all who are in need. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God provide you with everything you need. May he help you care for others as he cares for you.