

God's Story Our Story™



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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of unity, you have brought us together for a purpose. Show us each the way in which we might use our unique gifts in service to all. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

It is now no longer enough simply to sit back and marvel at God's gift of grace offered freely to all; the time has come to listen hard to the Spirit calling us to use our unique gifts for the good of the community. Game on!

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Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? What gifts do you bring to the body of Christ? (What are you good at?)

Wonder: What drives or motivates people who are vastly different from yourself? How different are they, really?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing. May God use your gifts well. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Engage in conversation with someone who is different from yourself. (Wait staff in a restaurant, your pharmacist, someone in line at the grocery store) During your conversation, look deeply into their eyes, watch their mannerisms, hear their voice. Notice the things about them that are not very different from yourself.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

- Sunday, Ephesians 4:1-16, Unity in Christ
- Monday, Ephesians 4:17-24, Old to New Life
- Tuesday, Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2, Rules for the New Life
- Wednesday, Ephesians 5:3-5:5, Renounce Old Ways
- Thursday, Ephesians 5:6-14, Renounce Old Ways
- Friday, Ephesians 5:15-20, Renounce Old Ways
- Saturday, Ephesians 5:21-24, The Christian Household

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