

We have been set
free because of
what Christ has
done. Through his
blood our sins have
been forgiven.

EPHESIANS 1:7

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time
when you were
especially chosen
for something.
How did you
respond?

2

The apostle Paul
tells us that God
had decided to
make you his child
even before the
world was made
(Ephesians 1:4).
How does this
make you feel?
Why?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
M	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of the plumb line
T	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
W	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
T	Romans 3:9-26	God's judgment and mercy
F	Proverbs 11:23-30	A generous person
S	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
S	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals the people

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
thank you for
choosing to save
us. Continue to
give us the Holy
Spirit, so that the
way we live praises
you. Amen.

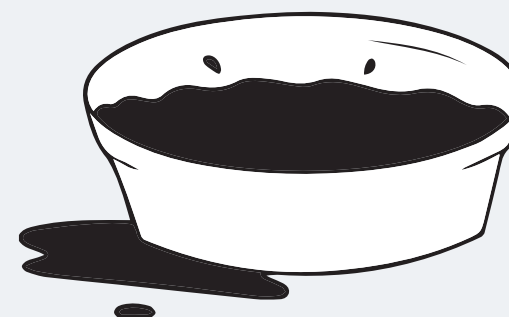
BLESSING

Child of God, may
the Lord, who has
chosen you, bless
you generously
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Creative Response

Place a small bowl of water on your home altar or
mealtable. Each morning or evening this week,
invite each household member to make the
sign of the cross on someone else's forehead in
remembrance of their baptism – the day they were
sealed with the cross of Christ, given the Holy
Spirit, and made part of God's "forever family".
Join in saying the following prayer:

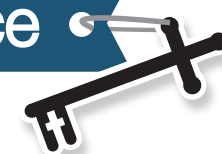
**Dear God, thank you for loving us and
choosing us to be part of your "forever family".
Help us to shine with your love in all we say
and do today. Amen.**



mealtime prayer

Receive our thanks for night and day, for food
and shelter, rest and play. Lord, be our guest and
with us stay. Amen.

Service



The Gospel reading for
Sunday tells how John
the Baptist was put in
prison and later killed.
Pray this week for
people who are unjustly
imprisoned.

Visit the website of
Amnesty International
to learn more about
situations of injustice
across the world
(www.amnesty.org).
Find out how you can
personally support
the work of Amnesty
International through
letter writing or with
a donation.