



Growing
FAITH
at home

16 May 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Jesus prays for his disciples.

verse for the week

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

JOHN 17:11

Caring Conversations

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

1

What helps people become close to each other? What pulls them apart?

2

Jesus prayed that his followers would be 'one'. What do you think he meant by this?

3

Why is it important to stay connected to other Christians?



Devotions

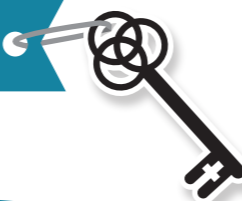


Daily Bible Readings

S	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
M	Acts 1:15-26	Matthias replaces Judas
T	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
W	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Be perfectly united
T	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for all believers
F	Ephesians 4:1-5	Keep the unity of the Spirit
S	Psalm 1	The way to happiness
S	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for praying for us and for all your followers. May we experience the unity of faith that you want for us. Amen.

BLESSING

May God protect you and keep you safe from all evil. May you live in peace.

Creative Response

Read Psalm 1.

People who are faithful to God's teachings (law) are "like trees planted by streams of water". God's teachings oppose the 'wicked' around us that represent the worst of the world's standards.

These trees do not wither but yield fruit and prosper. Similarly, the lives of the followers of Jesus do not wither as they are fed by God's word.

To remember the importance of God's word in your life, designate or add a "faith plant" in your home.

As you water it, recall the importance of the flowing waters of God's word that feed and nourish your life "day and night" (v. 2).

mealtime prayer

God bless this food, God bless this day, God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

Service



Talk together as a family about the ways you serve the Christian brothers and sisters that God has given you as your congregation. What gifts and resources has God given you for this purpose? How are you currently using these? Pray for your congregational family.