

## Recommendations for Daily Devotions in the Home:

- **Consistency is Key:** Select a time that the whole family can meet every day. Commit to a time as a family and reevaluate as seasons change. Some families may meet at breakfast. Some after dinner. Others at bedtime. Find a time where the whole family is together and stick with it.
- **Hymns & Songs:** Sing the same song for two weeks to help commit the words to memory. If you prefer, use digital music sources such as YouTube or Spotify to aid in singing Hymns or Songs. If you are uncomfortable singing, you may also read the words while listening.
- **Prayers** – the one or two most important things for each person each day. A leader may begin the prayer and conclude with the Lord’s Prayer spoken together.
- **Topics and Bible readings** should be age appropriate. Young children may need shorter readings from the Bible or activities. Older children and adults may wish to use a daily selection of readings and devotions such as “Portals of Prayer” or the “Daily Lectionary” found on pages 299-304 in the Lutheran Service Book.
- **If you need** a Bible or want to use a Lutheran Service Book in your home, talk to a Church Staff Member and we will support you. Ministry staff at Peace want to help you grow as disciples and as you raise disciples at home.
- **Requirements:**
  - **10-20 minutes daily with Household**
  - **A set time & a comfortable place**
  - **Bible/hymnal/catechism/devotion book**
  - **Family Altar Devotion Guide** (this booklet)
  - **Player for music** (if desired)



## The Family Altar

### A Guide to Daily Devotions in the Home

- Connect daily with your God
- Thanking God – for a joyful life
- Learning our Savior’s teaching
- Seeking His guidance and help
- Communicating with your family

## DAILY DEVOTION

**A hymn or song may be sung** – (digital accompaniment may be helpful)

**Invocation** (*the sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of Baptism*)

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R: Amen.**

### Ten Commandments

*Speak the commandments together:*

**“You shall have no other gods.” “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord, your God.” “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.”**

**“Honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you that you may live long on the earth.” “You shall not murder.” “You shall not commit adultery.” “You shall not steal.” “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.” “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”**

**Topic:** Use a devotion or Bible reading that is age appropriate

### Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was**

**buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers** – *Each one offers a prayer for the day, concluding: “Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**”*

### Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Benediction

L: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace.

**R: Amen.**

**For assistance in selecting resources for Family Devotions or any questions about leading devotions in your home, please contact the Ministry Staff at Peace (402)564-8311 or visit [peacecolumbus.org/daily-devotions](http://peacecolumbus.org/daily-devotions)**