

FAITH@HOME GUIDE

October 6-11

*A resource to be used for Family or Individual Devotion and Worship throughout the week. We have bookmarks available with additional resources and a regular order for Family Worship. Let us know how we can help you and your family. This Guide contains specific aids to the readings for the week ("**If time is short**," gives you a shorter option) and current congregational prayers.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Ongoing Prayer: Tony Hall

Cancer Care & Treatment: Sheila Finberg, Mark Thompson

Confirmation Students: Blake Zwick & John Anderson

Grieving families: The family of Kam Evenson

Families as we go through our membership: Christine Knaack; Braden, Callie, Levi Knafla; Janelle Knafla; Eric, Ken, Karen Knafla; Michael Knafla; Troy Knafla; Wayne Knafla; Terry, Marie Knappek; Dennis, Marie Koepp; Bob Koroll; Hayley Kosloske; Kay, Chad Kosloske; Monroe Zimmerman.

Questions to consider:

Who is someone I will support or encourage this week? What can I do and how will I do it?

Who do I know that is disconnected from the Lord that I can pray for and share my faith with and possibly invite?

Things to Commit to Memory this Week

1. A word in greek that means a song sung to harp music and is used for recorded songs collected in Scripture: **Psalms**
2. Man who wrote at least 73 of the 150 Psalms: **David**
3. I encourage you to memorize Psalm 23 if you haven't done so already. If you have memorized Psalm 23 already, I recommend Psalm 46. If you have never memorized a larger section of verses like this, here are a couple of options. One is just to work one verse at a time. Another way is to do it responsively and just keep going through the whole psalm. As it becomes more familiar you can jump to doing whole verses and they will come a bit easier.
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"The Lord is my shepherd...**I shall not want**...He makes me lie down...**in green pastures**...He leads me...**beside still waters**...He restores my soul. He leads me...**in paths of righteousness**...for his name's sake. Even though I walk...**through the valley of the shadow of death**...I will fear no evil...**for you are**

with me...your rod and staff...they comfort me... You prepare a table before me...**in the presence of my enemies...** you anoint my head with oil...**my cup overflows....** Surely goodness and mercy...**shall follow me all the days of my life...** and I shall dwell...**in the house of the LORD forever.**

Monday October 6th—Reading Psalms 12-17 (Psalm 17)

Psalms 12–14 lament the lies, corruption, and foolishness of people, but affirm that the Lord sees and will protect the faithful. Psalms 15–16 celebrate walking blamelessly with God, finding joy and security in His presence, and trusting Him even in death. Psalm 17 is a prayer for God’s protection and vindication, expressing confidence that the righteous will one day behold God’s face.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. In what ways do these psalms describe the struggles of living in a world filled with lies, injustice, and corruption—and how do those struggles sound familiar today?
3. Psalm 17 ends with hope of seeing God’s face—how does this imagery shape what came previously in the Psalm?

Tuesday October 7th—Reading Psalms 18-22 (Psalms 22)

Psalm 18 celebrates God as a mighty rescuer who delivers David from his enemies. Psalms 19–21 declare God’s glory revealed in creation, His perfect law, and His strength in granting victory to the king. Psalm 22 is a heartfelt lament of deep suffering that turns into trust and praise, pointing prophetically to the suffering and triumph of Christ.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. Psalms 19–21 highlight God’s glory in creation, His Word, and His power—how do these three together strengthen our faith and guide our daily living?
3. In Psalm 22, how many connections can you find from the Psalm written over 1000 years earlier to the events of Jesus’ death and resurrection?

Wednesday October 8th—Reading Psalms 23-28 (Psalm 24)

Psalm 23 beautifully pictures the Lord as a shepherd who provides, guides, and protects His people. Psalms 24–27 proclaim God’s holiness, call for trust in Him

amid fear and enemies, and rejoice in His presence as a place of safety and light. Psalm 28 is a prayer for God's mercy and strength, ending in confidence that the Lord is both the refuge of His people and their saving shepherd.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. Psalm 23 describes God as our Shepherd—what part of that picture (providing, guiding, protecting) is most meaningful to you right now, and why?
3. Psalm 28 ends with confidence that the Lord is our refuge and shepherd—how can we best remind one another of this truth?

Thursday October 9th—Reading Psalms 29-34 (Psalm 32)

Psalm 29 praises the power and majesty of the Lord's voice over creation. Psalms 30–32 move from sorrow to joy, celebrating God's deliverance, forgiveness, and the blessedness of those who trust Him. Psalms 33–34 call all people to praise the Lord, trust in His steadfast love, and experience His care for the righteous.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. When is a time that deeply felt the truth of Psalm 32:1?
3. Psalms 33–34 invite us to trust in God's steadfast love—in what ways can we practice that kind of trust when life feels uncertain?

Friday October 10th—Reading Psalms 35-41 (Psalm 37:1-11)

Psalm 35 is a prayer for God's justice against enemies and for vindication of the innocent. Psalms 36–40 contrast human wickedness with God's steadfast love, call for trust in Him, and celebrate His deliverance while acknowledging ongoing struggles. Psalm 41 closes this section with a prayer for mercy in sickness and betrayal, affirming God's sustaining presence with the righteous.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. What things come up in Psalm 37 to support the command from verse 1?
3. Psalm 41 reminds us of God's care in sickness and betrayal—how does the Psalm instruct us in leaning on God?

Saturday October 11th—Reading Psalms 42-47 (Psalm 46)

Psalms 42–43 express deep longing for God’s presence amid despair, encouraging hope and trust even when the soul feels downcast. Psalms 44–45 recount past deliverances, plead for God’s help against enemies, and celebrate His anointed king. Psalms 46–47 proclaim God’s sovereignty, strength, and reign over all nations, calling people everywhere to rejoice and worship Him.

1. What is a verse in the reading that stuck out to you and why did you like it?
2. Using Psalm 42:1, what are some ways we see the soul thirst for God, even if people don’t realize it?
3. Psalm 46:1-3 speaks of a trust in God even when everything falls apart around us. Why can the Psalmist do that? Why do you?

Life Application Focus: *3 summary points that come up in the week of readings.*

Write down another you came up with.

1. God is our refuge and strength.
2. Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven.
3. The LORD is my Shepherd.
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