

NOVEMBER 1, 2015  
ALL SAINTS DAY

# taking<sup>+</sup> faith home

Jesus gives us hope and strength in the face of death.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	Those in white robes
Tuesday	John 11:17-27	Jesus comforts Martha
Wednesday	John 5:24-29	Crossed from death to life
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:12-22	Resurrection of the dead
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	Life from the pit
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:4 (NLT)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please give us peace each day of our lives and hope in the face of death. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, you feed the living, lift up the fallen and give life to the dead. Praise and thanks be to you forever. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May God fill your life with comfort, peace and hope. May the love of Jesus lift you up and faith in Christ carry you home. Amen.

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What experiences of people dying have you had? What do you remember from those times?
- How did Jesus respond to the sorrow of Mary and Martha? What does that teach us about God?
- How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?

## DEVOTIONS

On All Saints Day, we remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died. As part of your household devotional times this week, light candles for Christian friends and relatives who have died, whether recently or long ago. As each candle is lit, say these words together, *"Thank you, God, for the earthly life of (Name), and for the new life they have in you."*

## SERVICE

Send a sympathy card from your household to a person who is mourning the death of a friend or family member. Include them in your prayers throughout the week.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Visit a local cemetery as a household. Look at the different gravestones and take note of symbols of Christian faith. Talk together about the hope that Christians have in the face of death because of Jesus.



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