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*I have called you by name; you are mine.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28	God will make you clean
Wednesday	Acts 2:14, 22-42	Many are baptized in Jesus' name
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ's death
Friday	1 John 5:6-13	The witness about Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalms 106:1-12	God saves through water
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Israel, don't be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by name; now you belong to me." **Isaiah 43:1b (CEV)**

#### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

##### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord God, please open our ears to hear your voice and our lips to shout your glory. Amen.  
(Psalm 29:3-9)

##### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord, your children gather in your name. Bless our table and our sharing around it. Amen.

##### **A Blessing to Give:**

You are a baptized child of God who loves you dearly. May God make you strong and bless you with peace. Amen. (Luke 3:22, Psalm 29:11)



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### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What do you know or remember about the day you were baptized?
- What did God do for you through your baptism?
- What does it mean to you that you are baptized?

### DEVOTIONS

As part of your household devotion times this week, say together the church's baptismal creed, the *Apostle's Creed*. Talk together about what each part of the creed means.

### SERVICE

Have household members decorate cards to send to their baptismal sponsors or godparents. Use these to say "thank you" for their support and prayers over the years.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Do you celebrate baptismal birthdays in your home? Here are some ideas for developing a practice of baptismal remembrance:

- List the baptism dates of each household member on your home calendar.
- Celebrate each baptismal birthday with a special meal to honor the baptized person. Invite godparents or other faith mentors to attend.
- Give faith-related gifts on baptismal birthdays.
- Ask godparents to write a letter to their godchild each year. Keep these in a special book.
- Each year take photos of the baptized person at your church font. Ask your Pastor to give the person a special blessing.



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