



# Project Local Family Devotional

Monday, October 25

## Scripture

Deuteronomy 15:11 (NRSV)

*“Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’”*

## Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, open our eyes and our hearts to see the needs of those around us more clearly. Give us generous hearts to give to others from our own abundance. Amen.

## Discussion Questions for Family and Friends

1. Did you know that, as of September 2020, 1.1-1.5M people were unable to afford their rent in Texas?
2. Did you know that 1 in 7 people face food insecurity (a chronic state of lacking sufficient food resources)?

# Tuesday, October 26

## Scripture

Philippians 4:11-12

*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.*

## Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for the blessings of this life! You provide for our needs; and we often experience abundance. May we be quick to offer thanks for all that you have given to us! Amen.

## Discussion Questions

1. Did you know that families with children make up 30% of the home insecure population in the USA?
2. Did you know that in 2020 38 million people faced hunger in the USA and 12 million were children?

# Wednesday, October 27

## Scripture

Revelation 21:3-4

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."*

## Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we ask that you will provide sufficient shelter and food for all of your creation. Show us how we can be a part of this answer to prayer. Amen.

## Discussion Questions

1. Did you know that home insecurity includes those without permanent shelter and those without the resources to rent or purchase a home?
2. Did you know that a household that is food insecure has limited or uncertain access to enough food to support a healthy life for all in the household?

# Thursday, October 28

## Scripture

Acts 2:44-47

*All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

## Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, show us how we can share our resources with others so that we also demonstrate our faith in you and love for you in this wider community. Amen.

## Discussion Questions

1. Did you know that there was a 5.3% increase in home insecurity in Texas this past year?
2. Did you know that 1 in 6 American children may not know when they will eat their next meal?

# Friday, October 29

## Scripture

Matthew 10:40-42

*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”*

## Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, teach us to be hospitable to all! Just as you have welcomed us, may we welcome others unconditionally. Amen.

## Discussion Questions

1. Did you know that, last year, more home insecure individuals were unsheltered than were sheltered?
2. Do you know the eight states with the highest rates of food insecurity in the USA? They are Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kentucky, Maine, and Oklahoma.