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Scripture Verse for the Week:

May you have power with all God's people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. – Ephesians 3:18 (NIRV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord, you can do much more than I can ask or imagine. Please do your good work in me. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord Jesus, thank you for taking care of me – body, spirit and soul. Amen.

A Blessing to Share:

May you have power with all God's people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come:
Come and live in our hearts. (Ephesians 3:17)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we breathe and live, accept our thanks for all you give. Amen.

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were in need.
- Jesus performed a miracle to feed a large crowd (John 6:1-13). When have you experienced God providing for you in a special way?
- One little boy's lunch was used by God to meet the hunger of many people. In what ways might God be seeking to use you or what you have to bring help to others?

Devotional Practices:

St. Paul tells us that God is able to do much, much more than we ask or imagine through his power that is at work in us (Ephesians 3:20). Take some time together to share your future hopes and dreams, both as individuals and for your household. Then consider what dreams God might have for you. Pray for God's blessing on one another's hopes and dreams.

Service:

Set aside time as a household to bake some bread or cookies. Package up what you bake and give away to your neighbors.

Rituals and Traditions:

Practice affirming one another as blessings from God. Focus on each member of the household in turn. Take turns in completing these sentences:

- "One special way that I see God using you is ..."
- "A special quality you bring to our household is ..."

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism:

The Fourth Part of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people; but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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