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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Heavenly Father, please keep me safe from the evil one, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (John 17:15)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, please help me to be united with others who believe in you. Amen. (John 17:11)

A Blessing to Share:

May God protect you and make you holy, now and always. Amen.

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God bless this food,

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- What brings people together? What pulls them apart?
- Jesus prayed that his followers would be “one”. What do you think he meant?
- Why is it important to stay connected to other Christians?

Devotional Practices:

In your devotion times this week, light a single candle, link hands, and say these words together (based on Ephesians 4:4-6).

We are one in Christ Jesus. In him we have one body and one Spirit; one Lord and one hope; one faith and one baptism; one God and Father of all. Lord God, keep us together as one. Amen.

Service:

Talk together as a household about the ways you serve the Christian brothers and sisters whom God has given you as your congregation. What gifts and resources has God given you for this purpose? How are you currently using these?

Rituals and Traditions:

Write a household creed, stating what you believe in and value. You may wish to use the following structure:

*We are the _____ family.
As a family we believe _____
As a family we value _____
As a family we seek to _____
In all that we do, God help us and keep us. Amen.*

From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism

Seventh Part of the Lord’s Prayer:
“But deliver us from evil.”

What does this mean?

In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

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