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*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



Spiritual Blessings



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of spirit, we are yours because you have said we are. Guide us to live as full inheritors of your grace and joyful proclaimers of your promises to all. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

***<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. (Ephesians 1:3-4)***



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**The letter to the Ephesians begins with a dramatic description of God's extravagant generosity. They may not have been born into the faith, but as adopted children they—and we—have been blessed beyond measure.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Tell of a time you felt like a child in need of a loving parent.**

**Who did you turn to? What did you do to get your needs met?**

**Wonder: Does God ever feel more like being the crazy aunt than the parent? What role is God's favorite? Why?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God love you as God's most beloved child. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Call the people closest to you and let them know how valuable they are to you.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Ephesians 1:1-14, Spiritual Blessings  
Monday, Ephesians 1:15-19, Paul's Prayer  
Tuesday, Ephesians 1:20-23, Paul's Prayer  
Wednesday, Ephesians 2:1-3, Dying to Living  
Thursday, Ephesians 2:4-10, Dying to Living  
Friday, Philippians 1:3-11, Paul's Prayer  
Saturday, Philippians 2:1-11 Imitating Christ's Humility