




April 24, 2022

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

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.
 Holy Spirit, Jesus gave the gift of your presence when he appeared before the disciples. Grant us your presence and teach us to work for the world with the guidance of your advocacy. Amen.

Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.
 *²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)*

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.
 Thomas and the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it would be the vehicle through which the good news of the risen Christ would be shared and received.

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 doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith. What would you have done in Thomas' position?

For the littles: Is it easier to believe in something you can see? That's normal!

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.



May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive.



Do the following activity this week.

Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.



Sunday, John 20:19-31, Thomas
Monday, Acts 6:1-7, Seven Chosen to Serve
Tuesday, Acts 6:8-15, The Arrest of Stephen
Wednesday, Acts 7:1-22, Stephen's Speech to the Council
Thursday, Acts 7:23-43, Stephen's Speech to the Council
Friday, Acts 7:44-53, Stephen's Speech to the Council
Saturday, Acts 7:54-8:1, The Stoning of Stephen