

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

Pray, Praise & Give Thanks

## Law/Gospel

Satan and my sinful flesh do not want to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come. **Through water and the Word, God gives me His Holy Spirit so that I believe His Word, live as a member of His kingdom of grace, and use my gifts to share His love in Jesus, extending His kingdom.**

## Bible Words

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.  
Mark 1:15

## Lord's Prayer Connection

**The Second Petition**  
Thy kingdom come.

## Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:16–34

**T**alk about a very bad day! Paul and Silas cast a demon out of a young girl, but instead of thanks, they found themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Near midnight, Paul and Silas found themselves bound in the innermost part of the jail singing and praying for a miracle. Suddenly, the earth rattled the very foundations of the jail as the cell doors flew open.

The jailer, fearing that the prisoners had all escaped, prepared to kill himself. But Paul and Silas reassured the jailer that everyone was still present and accounted for. Then, they shared the message of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord with the jailer and his whole family.

They responded to the message of the Gospel by asking to be baptized. So the jailer and his whole family were baptized that day.

## Family Faith Talk

"Thy kingdom come . . ." God's kingdom is His rule over the whole universe, the Church on earth, and the Church and angels in heaven. Through their witness in the jail cell, Paul and Silas shared the Gospel with other prisoners and with the jailer. We pray that God would help us share the Christian faith with others by what we say and do too. Make a witness chain this week. Have family members write a way they can witness to others on strips of paper (e.g., invite someone to church, tell someone about Jesus, send a card). Tape the first strip into a circle. Interlock the remaining strips, taping in place, to make a paper chain. Take off a link each day, and do what it says.

## Prayer

Almighty God, thank You for the saving faith in You that You give us through Your Word and in Holy Baptism. May the Holy Spirit continue to grow that faith in us and help us to share Jesus with others so that Your kingdom may grow. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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