

# 10 The Family is called to Mission.



This Prayer Station reminds us that the family is called to share in Christ's mission to show the love of God to others.

## Read aloud

Saint Pope John Paul II wrote,

*"The Christian family is called upon to take part actively and responsibly in the mission of the Church".*

(FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO)

This means we are called to share God's love with others as a family. Families can reach out to others who perhaps are lonely, elderly, sick or in need. This may involve inviting others for a meal, befriending a neighbour, sending a card or phoning someone, making a homemade gift or some delicious cake!

## Do

Invite the children to decorate a biscuit/cake that could be given to someone they know along with one of the written prayers below. Maybe they could take it to a neighbour or an elderly parishioner?

Choose a prayer or scripture for the person you are decorating your biscuit for. Don't eat the biscuit on the way home!



(Health and safety: Please be aware of anyone with food allergies before decorating biscuits/cakes.)

## Pray

**When you have finished decorating your biscuit/cake, take a moment to pray this prayer together one line at a time for those with you to repeat.**

**Dear God, thank you that you choose us to share in your mission. Help us to share your love with others. Amen.**

### **Prayer Choice 1**

**I chose to decorate this for you today. I wanted you to know that you are special and valued, and you are always welcome at our church. I have chosen this prayer for you.**

#### **A morning prayer.**

*Dear God, help me to stay close to you today.*

*I bring to you all that is happening in my day and ask you to walk beside me.*

*Please fill my heart with your peace and help me to remember that you are always with me wherever I go.*

*Thank you for creating me and for loving me just as I am.*

*Amen.*

### **Prayer Choice 2**

**I chose to decorate this for you today. I wanted you to know that you are special and valued, and you are always welcome at our church. I have chosen this scripture for you.**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;*

*he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.*

*He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.*

PSALM 23

