

JANUARY 10, 2016
BAPTISM OF THE
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I have called you by name; you are mine.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28	God will make you clean
Wednesday	Acts 2:14, 22-42	Many are baptized in Jesus' name
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ's death
Friday	1 John 5:6-13	The witness about Jesus Christ
Saturday	Psalms 106:1-12	God saves through water
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Israel, don't be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by name; now you belong to me." **Isaiah 43:1b (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, please open our ears to hear your voice and our lips to shout your glory. Amen.
(Psalm 29:3-9)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, your children gather in your name. Bless our table and our sharing around it. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

You are a baptized child of God who loves you dearly. May God make you strong and bless you with peace. Amen. (Luke 3:22, Psalm 29:11)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What do you know or remember about the day you were baptized?
- What did God do for you through your baptism?
- What does it mean to you that you are baptized?

DEVOTIONS

As part of your household devotion times this week, say together the church's baptismal creed, the *Apostle's Creed*. Talk together about what each part of the creed means.

SERVICE

Have household members decorate cards to send to their baptismal sponsors or godparents. Use these to say "thank you" for their support and prayers over the years.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Do you celebrate baptismal birthdays in your home? Here are some ideas for developing a practice of baptismal remembrance:

- List the baptism dates of each household member on your home calendar.
- Celebrate each baptismal birthday with a special meal to honor the baptized person. Invite godparents or other faith mentors to attend.
- Give faith-related gifts on baptismal birthdays.
- Ask godparents to write a letter to their godchild each year. Keep these in a special book.
- Each year take photos of the baptized person at your church font. Ask your Pastor to give the person a special blessing.



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