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- John 14:27 (CEV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

**Prayer for this Week:**

Holy Spirit, when I am afraid, give me courage; when I am worried, give me peace; and when I am cold, warm me with your love. Amen.

**For Throughout the Day:**

Holy Spirit, please be my teacher. Help me to follow Jesus today. Amen. (John 14:26)

**A Blessing to Share:**

*May God show grace to you and bless you. May he smile on you with kindness. Amen. (Psalm 67:1)*

**Mealtime Refrain:**

May the peoples praise you, God:  
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**Faith Talk:**

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- Jesus said the Holy Spirit is a counselor and a teacher (John 14:26). What does this tell us about the Spirit?
- Have you experienced the Spirit teaching or counseling you? Share your experiences.

**Devotional Practices:**

Take time this week to show appreciation for mothers. If a mother lives in your home, have each household member name three things about her they value or for which they are thankful. Then gather around her and say this prayer together:

**Lord God, thank you for (Name). Thank you for the special person she is and for the ways she loves us and cares for us. Please bless her, today and always. Amen.**

If your mother is absent, take time to pray for her or say a prayer of thanks for her role in your life. If possible, phone, email or write to her.

**Service:**

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**Rituals and Traditions:**

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Make time this week for a household outing to a park. Take a blanket to spread on the ground, then lie down and look at the sky. Read an account of the Ascension from a Bible or Bible storybook and talk about what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend to heaven. Pray that you will be ready when he comes again.

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