

*St. Mary of the Assumption Parish  
Lancaster, NY  
January 22, 2017*



*Family activity*

The Church celebrates an International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25, 2017. The Responsorial Psalm for today is Psalm 27.

**Activity** (We ask that this activity be done 4 or 5 times during the week.) At a designated time, possibly before or after dinner, create a sacred space by lighting a candle. Have different members of your family read the children's version of Psalm 27:

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

You, Lord, are the light that keeps me safe.

I am not afraid of anyone.

You protect me, and I have no fears.

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

I ask only one thing, Lord:

Let me live in your house every day of my life

to see how wonderful you are

and to pray in your temple.

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

I know that I will live to see how kind you are.

Trust the Lord!

Be brave and strong, and trust the Lord.

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

Choose any one of the following questions to discuss and have each child journal about it. On the second day, you may repeat that question or choose another one and have each child journal again. Repeat this process five different times in the course of a week or two.

1. What are some things children your age fear? What is something you fear? What does it mean to trust the Lord to protect you?
2. How would you describe God? Is God more powerful than anyone or anything? Make up a short prayer asking God for his special help.
3. If we trust God, we can be brave enough to do good things and be followers of Jesus. What are some things you see your parents doing that make them followers of Jesus? Parents, what are some things your children do that make them followers of Jesus?
4. What did you do today to show that you are a follower of Jesus? What did you see another person do to show that he or she is a follower of Jesus?
5. What line of Psalm 27 is your favorite? Why? (If you repeat this question, each person may choose a different line of the psalm.)