

# MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

## FOR FAMILIES

*If children are old enough to read, they can participate where indicated. If not, they can repeat the phrases, or the adults can do all the reading.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Parent* : On this night we remember God's love shown perfectly in Christ.

*Children* : **O taste and see that the Lord is good!**

*Parent* : God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit nourish and grow in our family a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### READING

John 13:1-17

*Parent* : So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,

*Children* : **You also should wash one another's feet.**

*Parent* : I give you a new commandment,

*Children* : **That you love one another.**

*Parent* : Just as I have loved you,

*Children* : **You also should love one another.**

### FOOT WASHING:

*Use a large bowl or tub and plenty of towels. If kids are small, parents can wash everyone's feet. If they are old enough to participate, rotate so that everyone washes and is washed.*

*As you wash each other's feet, say:*

[Name], Jesus loves you and so do I.

Receive his love, and follow his example.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Parent :*

Lord God,  
The bowl and the towel are signs to us of Jesus' love.  
As we walk in his way, give us grace  
to count others more important than ourselves,  
to love our enemies,  
and to make peace.  
Help us to love others  
how Jesus loves us.  
In Jesus' Name,  
Amen. .