



RETIREMENT

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of equipping people for their lifelong faith formation are the Four Key Faith Practices: **Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions.**

As you celebrate this exciting step in life may you reflect on all your wonderful memories. Let this Retirement **Growing Faith Moment** be a time to be thankful. This moment can take place in a small group or around the family table.



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Invite the retiree to share their answers to one or a number of the following questions.

- Share what you are most proud of as you look back on your work life
- Is there something you might have done differently?
- How have you been blessed during your years of working?



DEVOTIONS

Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.

Hebrews 10:1

Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. Colossians 3:23

How did your faith grow during your work years? Was it challenged?

What are your hopes and fears for the days and years to come?



SERVICE

What knowledge, skills and wisdom have you obtained throughout your work years? How can you share this wisdom and your skills so others may be blessed.



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Gather the people present around the retiree. Invite them to place their hands on the retiree's head or shoulders for the following prayer and blessing.

PRAY: Dear God, we give thanks for (name's) lifetime of work and faithfulness. As (name) continues his/her journey, may he/she be assured that you God will go with him/her and be a light to his/her path and always present. Amen.

BLESS: May you know that God will light your path. Amen.

GIFTING: Invite family and friends to share in a celebration of the retiree's work life. Share stories of how you were impacted by them during these years? Thank them for their gift of hard work and providing for their family.

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