

# HOLY WEEK

## PRAYER GUIDE



As we enter Holy Week, we invite you to prepare your mind and heart for Jesus by reflecting on the significant events that preceded His death and Resurrection... the Cornerstone of our faith.

Each short prayer and Scripture is designed to lead you through the Biblical accounts of this important week. Write down your reflections and take time to be still in the presence of our Savior.

It is our prayer that this resource will help you draw closer to Jesus and remind you of His sacrificial love for you.

## Palm Sunday

*Jesus,*

You are the King of all Kings and Lord of all Lords. You humbled yourself so that we might be saved. You knew that by the end of the week we would be shouting 'crucify!' and yet You still came to save all of humanity from our sins. Hosanna in the Highest! How majestic are Your ways. Help me to understand the gravity of Your love for me. Remind me of why You came and how it has forever changed the course of my life. Amen.

*"So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"*

JOHN 12:13

## Monday

*Jesus,*

You care deeply about the condition of our hearts. Just as You flipped the tables in the temple courts, reveal any false idols in our lives that are hindering Your people from experiencing the fullness of You. Restore our hearts, renew our minds and return our focus to You. You alone are mighty to save. Amen.

*“When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be a house of prayer”; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”*

LUKE 19:45-46

## Tuesday

*Jesus,*

You experienced persecution in ways that I will never understand. You were questioned, mocked, and ridiculed, and yet Your mind and heart remained steadfast and pure. Help me to pay attention to my inner life and reveal anything in me that is not of You. Purify me from the inside out and lead me in Your ways. Amen.

*“Blind guides! ... For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness...Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?”*

MATTHEW 23:24-33

## Wednesday

Jesus,

You knew what Your disciples would do even before they did it, and yet, Your love for them never wavered. In humility, you washed their feet and taught them how to love one another just as You have loved them. You call me to do the same. Through Your body and shed blood, You left me with the ultimate example of Your love and sacrifice. Amen.

*“And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.”*

MARK 14:22-24

## Maundy Thursday

Jesus,

You were betrayed by those who were closest to You. You know how gut-wrenching it feels. You cared deeply about all of Your disciples and anyone who came across Your path. You were betrayed by one of your closest followers, but Your mission remained unshakable. Thank you for Your grace and mercy. Thank you for helping me remain faithful to You. Amen.

*“Then one of the twelve disciples—the one named Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?” They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.”*

MATTHEW 26:14-16

## Good Friday

Jesus,

You suffered a terrible death so that we would be able to experience eternal life in You. You came to earth to save, and you experienced intense persecution and suffering on our behalf. Help me to reflect on your sacrifice and the reality that without You, I would be dead in my sins. Because of Your love, obedience, and example, my life will never be the same. Amen.

*"It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last."*

LUKE 23:44-46

## Saturday

Jesus,

As I reflect on Your sacrifice, I can't help but feel the weight of it. You gave of yourself in ways that I will never fully comprehend. Help me cling to Your promises and remind me that You always have a plan. You are the redeemer of life! You are with Your people, through the end of the age, and even though we can't see a way through the darkness at times, we will trust in Your perfect will. Amen.

*"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day."*

MATTHEW 27:63-64

## Easter Sunday

*Jesus,*

Thank you for giving yourself to save me from my sins and show me a new way to live. You overcame death and have claimed the ultimate victory! Because of Your sacrificial love and outward example, my eternal life is secure. Help me to be a witness for you and proclaim the greatest news this world has ever known: Our Savior is Risen! Amen.

*“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”*

MARK 16:6-7

*He is Risen, indeed!*

*Let’s celebrate our Savior  
and tell the world about Him!*

