

PRAYERS FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday John 12:12-19, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Phil 2:5-11, Matt 26:-27:66.

Sunday: Dearest Jesus, you took my place on the cross when I rightfully deserved to die. Glorious is the gift of grace you have bestowed on me. I must admit that I sometimes subdue this joy when I am around others. Please intercede for me this day, so I might proclaim your glory to those whose pride and arrogance fill the world around me.

Monday: This Holy Week our songs are sung in lament., for we have failed to be what you intended us to be., O Lord. Forgive all the sour notes of our sins. As we sing our lament, may we hear the undertones of your love. Thank you for the song of salvation that soon will be on our lips.

Tuesday: Heavenly Father, your love is unconditional and never ending. I rejoice as I bask in the warmth of the promise, I am yours. Time and time again, I drift away from you and try to follow my own path in life, but you continually call me as your child to come home. I thank you for withholding nothing to bring me back to you.

Wednesday: Blessed God of assurance, thank you for the gift of peace that comes in the midst of trial and terror. Release me from the paralyzing grip of fear. Forgive my failure to trust in your grace. Help me to be at peace. Calm my fears and make me an instrument of your peace for a weary world.

Maundy Thursday: Heavenly Father, I am blessed to know that I am your child. You call me out by name and have a place prepared for me. There are many days when I forget that even my enemies belong to

you. Heal my bitter heart and help me to share your compassionate love especially when it is difficult.

Good Friday: Dearest Jesus, the power of your death on the cross is life and salvation for the world. On this Good Friday, I thank you that there is nothing that can separate me from your love. Help me to cling to your cross as I see my salvation in your greatest act of love for all people.

Saturday: Gracious God, I am amazed that waiting on your promises is a sign of your grace for me. I admit that sometimes I become impatient with you as I want my prayers to be answered quickly. In times of waiting, may I meditate on your faithfulness. May your word, Lord remind me, that you always answer, sometimes in unexpected ways.

Lessons for Easter Sunday April 12

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 16, Col:3:1-4. Matt. 28:1-10.