

Good
Friday



God forbid that I should boast of anything
but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;
by him we are redeemed and set free.
May God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make his face shine upon us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the Lord;
Let him deliver – let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled; I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him all you offspring of Israel!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we accept the cross of Christ.

***Almighty and merciful God,
we thank you for bringing life and peace for us
through the shame, suffering, and death of your Son.
Teach us to boast about nothing
but the cross of Christ,
and be willing to suffer gladly for his sake.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:4-12 The Suffering Servant of God

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:19-25 Jesus, our priest and sacrifice

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 19:17-30 Jesus dies for us all

After the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

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PRAYER

On this most sacred day when our Lord, who has been lifted up to draw all people to himself, has gone before us to the Father, we his body stand with him before the Father and intercede for his church and his world.

For the church

Let us pray for the holy church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father will grant peace to his church, preserve it in unity, and protect it throughout the world.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: Guide the work of your church; help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring your salvation to people everywhere.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Bishops, pastors and people of the church

Let us pray for the Bishop of our church, John, and our District Bishop, Paul, for all pastors and servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, you guide the church and keep it holy. Help all of us to work faithfully for you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those searching for faith

Let us pray for those who are searching for faith in God or being prepared for baptism, that God will wash them in the waters of new birth, and give them his Holy Spirit.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, you continually add new members to your church. Increase the faith and understanding of those being prepared for baptism. Give them new birth by water and the Spirit, and strengthen them by your grace to life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the unity of the Christian church

Let us pray for all Christians, that God will gather us by his Spirit and keep us united in faith and love.

(silent prayer)

Almighty Father, you have made us your holy people by our common baptism. Make us one in our confession of faith, increase our love for each other, and help us to work together in your mission to the people of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe in Christ

Let us pray for all who do not yet believe in Jesus Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit will show them the way of salvation.

(silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, remember those who do not remember you. Have mercy on those who have rejected your grace. Guide those who seek to make sense of their lives, so that they may find their salvation in Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in public office

Let us pray for those who serve us in public office, that God may use them to curb what is evil and work for the wellbeing of our nation.

(silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, guide all the nations of the earth, so that they may promote international justice and peace. Bless our country and all who hold positions of responsibility, our prime minister, (insert name here), and premier, (insert name here). Direct the parliaments of our commonwealth and state, so that we may enjoy good government, and live together in freedom and harmony.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need

Let us pray for all the needy people of the earth, that God will provide for them according to their needs.

(silent prayer)

Heavenly Father, heal those who are physically sick and mentally disturbed. Support those who are aged and dying. Comfort those who are hungry and lonely. Relieve those who are oppressed, and free those who are unjustly imprisoned. Especially at this time be with all those who are affected in any way by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

Amen.

