

Passion Week Prayer Guide

We have put together a daily prayer guide to help you start each day this week with your eyes fixed on Jesus. Each day has scripture for you to read and a prayer prompt for reflection. On Friday, we also encourage you to consider fasting until we take communion together at our Good Friday services. We hope this is a helpful tool this week as we look forward to celebrating our hope in Jesus together on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday | Read Matthew 21:1–11 & Zechariah 9:9–10

Prayer Prompt: Pray for Christ's will to be done in your own life as you submit to Him as King. Pray for His Kingdom to come and His peace to be experienced among the nations.

Monday | Read Mark 11:12–19 & Isaiah 56:1–7

Prayer Prompt: Pray for God to reveal any areas of your life where there may be corruption. Ask Christ to cleanse you and make you a "house of prayer for the nations."

Tuesday | Read Matthew 22:34–40 & Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Prayer Prompt: Pray for God to help you love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind. Pray God's blessing over a few specific people, just as you would pray for yourself.

Wednesday | Read Matthew 26:1–16

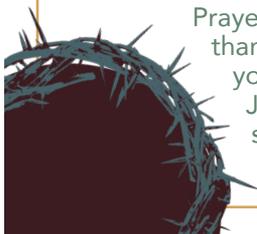
Prayer Prompt: Pray for your love and devotion to Christ to overflow with tangible expressions of generosity. Ask God to guard you from selfish ambition that would betray your relationship with Christ.

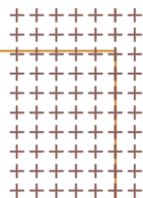
Thursday | Read Mark 14:12–26

Prayer Prompt: Confess your sins to God and ask Him to forgive you. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to be an atoning sacrifice for sinners.

Good Friday | Read Mark 15:20–39

Prayer Prompt: Confess times you have dishonored Jesus and thank Him for His abundant grace and mercy for sinners like you. Pray for someone who doesn't yet know the grace of Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit for boldness and wisdom to share the good news.





Fasting: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” John 6:51

Fasting is a practice that denies us the basic act of eating. Our stomachs growl or the clock strikes noon, and we naturally start ordering, chopping, boiling, or scooping. Within minutes we are satisfying our hunger.

But when we fast, we go without. Instead of satisfying our hunger pangs we are left with an emptiness. We are reminded that something is missing; something is not quite right.

And that’s part of the power of fasting. As Christians, this is a reminder of our reality here on earth — something is missing; something is not quite right.

Fasting reminds us that the longings of our hearts can never be fully satisfied here on earth. Instead, we must keep our eyes and hearts focused on what is ahead, as we eagerly await the coming of our Savior.

As we fast, we can remember the sufferings of Christ. The pains of this world are not easily erased or forgotten, and the comfort of our Savior is that He knows them well. He shares in them with us and calls us to look ahead to the glory that follows suffering. Just as he was raised from the dead, so we will be transformed into the likeness of his glorious body when He returns. The glory that awaits us in Christ is far greater than anything this world can offer.

So today as we fast together, would we set our minds on Jesus — the only one who satisfies. As we feel our stomachs growl, may we be reminded that Christ also denied Himself by going to the cross. As we long to eat and satisfy our hunger, would we ask the Holy Spirit to help us long for Jesus more.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Saturday | Read John 11:1–44

Prayer Prompt: Cry out to God about the pains and losses you’re walking through right now. Ask for grace to trust Him and hope in Him.

Easter Sunday | Read Matthew 28:1–10

Prayer Prompt: Praise God for His power and love! Ask God to fill you with hope and confidence. Ask God for opportunities to be witnesses to Christ’s resurrection even today.

