



2021 Lenten Study ~ Let Us Pray . . .

Week Six Prayers – March 21 – March 28

Sunday ~ Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus, was humble and obedient. He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory. Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from you. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you. **AMEN.**

Monday ~ God of love, my prayer is simple: Our son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you. I cannot feel protected from my many weaknesses until I turn to you for forgiveness and your unalterable love. Help me to share this strength, protection, and love with others. **AMEN.**

Tuesday ~ God of such unwavering love, how do I “celebrate” the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in His suffering. Give me the strength to see his love with honesty and compassion, and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me. Help me to understand how to “celebrate” this week. I want to be able to bring my weaknesses and imperfections with me as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of His love. **AMEN.**

Wednesday ~ My Savior, You invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in You. Help me to be humble and accepting like Your Son, Jesus. I want to turn to You with the same trust He had in Your love. Save me, Lord. Only You can save me. **AMEN.**

Thursday ~ Loving Provider, You gather me in this upper room with your Son, to be fed by Your love. At that supper, Jesus told us to “love one another”, and I know that is the heart of His gift, His sacrifice for me. I ask that I might find the source of my own heart, the meaning for my own life, in that Eucharist. Guide me to the fullness of your love and life. **AMEN.**

Friday ~ My Lord, Your Son has suffered so much, shed so much blood. I was born with so many faults, and my nature is so full of weakness, and yet Your Son Jesus, has died on the cross. For *me*. I know Your grace has the power to cleanse me of my many sins, and to make me more like your Son. Thank You for Your goodness and love for me. I ask You, Father to watch over me – always. **AMEN.**

Saturday ~ God of infinite love, You shower me with limitless gifts in my life. In my every thought and action, guide me to the bright and loving light of Your kingdom. Help me to be aware of the many ways You allow me to share in Your life so intimately. Thank you for the gifts You have placed in my life; let me be grateful every moment of this day. **AMEN.**

A Lenten Note: A Look at Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ On the last Sunday of Lent, we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Spy Wednesday ~ This is an old and uncommon name for the Wednesday of Holy Week, which commemorates Judas' agreement to betray Jesus. (see Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16).

Maundy Thursday ~ The name "Maundy Thursday" is derived from Jesus' "mandate" to love one another as He loves us.

Good Friday [of the Lord's Passion] ~ A Fast day of the Church commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death. The most important Good Friday symbol is the crucifix, or cross, which represents the way in which Jesus died.

Holy Saturday ~ This is the final day of Holy Week. It is the final night before the Feast of the Resurrection, which begins as the Great Easter Vigil.

Easter or Resurrection Sunday ~ This is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

Feast of the Resurrection, which begins as the Great Vigil of Easter, also called the Paschal Vigil or the Easter Vigil, is a liturgy held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, Pentecost Sunday.