

Prayer Focus

April 2019

Week Commencing April 7th

Father, it is so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support on this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

Week Commencing April 14th (Palm Sunday)

Loving God, I am just beginning to realise 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.

Good Friday April 19th

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, we marvel at the extent of your love and especially the pain you were ready to face so that we might receive life in all its fullness; a pain that goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine or understand.

Open our eyes to the wonder of this day, and help us to respond in the only way we can -
with heartfelt gratitude, with joyful praise, and with loving service offered in your name and for your glory.
Gracious Lord, for all you willingly endured, we thank you.

Week commencing April 21st (Easter Day)

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

Week commencing April 28th

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

We pray that we will no longer walk in darkness, but will walk in the light, knowing that Jesus walks with us on the way, guiding our thoughts and our footsteps at all times.

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