

PALM SUNDAY to EASTER SUNDAY



Prayer during Holy Week

The following is one continuous prayer which can be used this week to help us focus

Lord Jesus, forgive us our times of impatience, and misunderstanding;
Forgive us when we are convinced that our way is right and their way is wrong;
Forgive us when we hedge our bets and loyalty can be bought and sold;
Forgive us when we are misguided in our attempts to get things done.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are Judas, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.



Lord Jesus, forgive us our times of cowardice and apathy;
Forgive us when we fail to speak and act in a way that shows we are yours.
Forgive us when we think it does not matter or that our faith is our business alone;
Forgive us when we try too hard to fit in, to play it safe, and avoid the risk of being true to who we are.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are Peter, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.



Lord Jesus, forgive the times when our sense of responsibility becomes confused, and our priorities are twisted.
forgive us our willingness to tolerate what is evil, forgive us when we have been close-minded to the truth.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are the High Priest, in your cross, take away our sin, and in your resurrection, give us healing and new life.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we have sought to protect ourselves, to scape goat others, forgive us when we have misused the power we have, and failed to grasp the power you gives us for good;
forgive us when we turn a blind eye to the unjust structures in our society, and in the nations of the world;
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are Pilate, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.



Lord Jesus, forgive us when we do not think for ourselves, forgive us when we are swayed by public opinion, and simply repeat what we have heard;
forgive us when we get carried away and do things that we abhor.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are the Passover crowds, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.





Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times when our compassion burns out, when the task takes over and our awareness of others is lost. forgive us when we fail to see the full humanity of every person, made in your image. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are the soldiers at the foot of the cross, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.



Lord Jesus, grant us grace to live the life you give us, to fan the sparks of hope into flames in our own lives and in the lives of others. Give us comfort in loneliness, strength in suffering, and faith in your enduring love. Lord Jesus, bless us when we are Mary and John, in the cross, take our pain away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when what we have done seems to have ruined everything. forgive us when we do not deserve it. Forgive us when we cannot earn it. Forgive us when we cannot make it right. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are at our worst, in the cross, take our sin away, and in your resurrection, bring us healing and new life.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we think we do not matter, forgive us when we do not play our part in your good purposes for creation. Give us grace to recognise your call on us to offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, in the service of the building of your kingdom and the salvation of the whole earth. Lord Jesus, bless us when we are your body on earth, in the cross, take our reluctance away, and in your resurrection, bring us purpose and new life. Amen.



Lord Jesus, forgive us when we are simply ourselves, made in your image, yet damaged by our own sins and the sins of others, in the cross, take away from us all that is evil, and in your resurrection, bring us the new life that only you can give.

The Images on this sheet remind us of our Church wilderness garden and how it helped us through the Lenten Season

- Week 1. **Sand:** representing the Wilderness and chaos of disorder in our lives.
- Week 2. **Cactus:** representing the beginnings of new life and a fresh start even if it is prickly.
- Week 3. **Water:** representing the Life giving nature of God.
- Week 4. **The Stony path:** representing our pilgrim way.
- Week 5. **The Tomb:** representing the end of all our efforts without God.
- Palm Sunday. **Palm Branches:** represents us following in his way.

