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# POWER OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOCUS AND DIARY

APRIL 2020



# SUNDAY COLLECTS FOR APRIL 2020

SUNDAY 5th APRIL

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

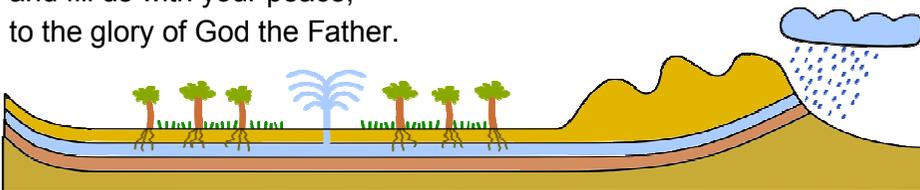
God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.



SATURDAY

Matthew 38 verses 8 & 9.



- - -the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples, Suddenly Jesus met them. Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him.

We praise you, O God,  
for this joyful Eastertide,  
as we celebrate again the great redemption won for us by our Lord  
Jesus Christ and his victory over death.

Grant us grace to enter into his triumph,  
to share his risen life,  
and at last to partake of his endless joy,  
to the glory of his holy name. Amen .

*Yours be the glory!*

*risen, conquering Son:*

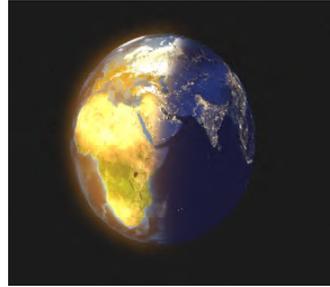
*Endless is the victory*

*over death you won.*

**THURSDAY**

**Matthew 27 verses 45, 46, & 50.**

**From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came all over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" - - - - And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice he gave up his spirit**



Father of all mankind, who in your great love gave your only Son for the world's salvation: give us such a vision of the cross of Jesus and of all that he has done for us that we may turn to you with true repentance, acknowledging our unworthiness, pouring contempt on all our pride, and offering our lives back to you; so that henceforth we may serve you in the power and joy of his resurrection, for the glory of your name. ..Amen.

**FRIDAY**

**Matthew 28 verses 5 & 6.**

**The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."**



Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have made all things new.  
Let your new light shine upon us.  
Sun of righteousness,  
cause your face to shine on us,  
and bring us healing.

*APRIL PRAYER FOCUS*

*Accept, O Lord, our praise and thanks for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your Kingdom.*

*Feel God  
in every gentle touch.  
See God  
in every happy face.  
Hear God  
in every caring word.  
Receive God's blessings  
every day of your life.*

**SUNDAY**

**Mark 11 verses 7-9.**

**When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"**

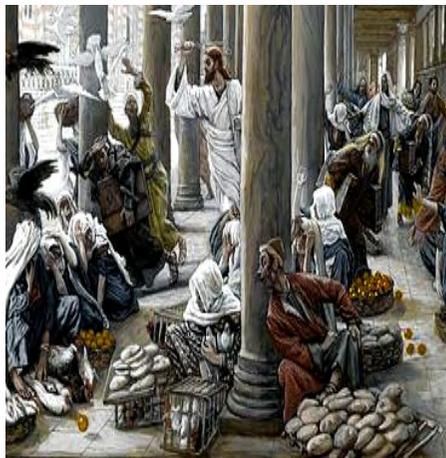


Dear Lord and Master,  
You showed the world your princely power  
by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.  
Grant to us all that even as we rejoice in you as our King,  
We may follow you in your great humility to the cross,  
and so may experience the glory of your victory  
over sin and death. Amen.

**MONDAY**

**Matthew 21 verses 12 & 13.**

**Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "it is written," he said to them. "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers."**



Holy Lord,  
you cleansed and renewed your temple:  
cleanse and renew your Church,  
that it may truly be a place of  
prayer for all people; and by  
your presence cleanse and  
renew our lives, that we may be

**TUESDAY**

**Matthew 26 verses 26-28.**

**Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying. "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."**



*Father, we pray that our communions may never be mere routine but always precious times of fellowship with Jesus Christ as we thankfully remember his redeeming love and meet with him as our living Lord.  
May we come to your table with joyful and expectant hearts, and go out afterwards nourished and strengthened in spirit to serve you in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.*

**WEDNESDAY**

**Matthew 26 verse 42.**

**He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."**



We thank you, Father,  
faith of Jesus your Son,  
will rather than his own,  
he had to face,  
ness.

for the  
his readiness to do your  
his courage in facing what  
though in utter loneli-

So give us of his spirit that we may share his faith,