

POWER OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOCUS AND DIARY
April 2022



SUNDAY COLLECTS

3rd April

Gracious Father,

you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace through the
shedding of your Saviour's blood,

10th 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.

17th 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.

24th 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.

PRAYER FOCUS

April 2022



*Thanks be to you,
O Christ, because you have broken for us
the bonds of sin and brought us
into fellowship with the Father.*

*Thanks be to you,
O Christ, because you have
triumphed over death,
and opened to us the gates of eternal life.*

*Thanks be to you, O Christ, because where two
or three are gathered together in your name,
you are there among them.*

*Thanks be to you, O Christ, because you are
alive for ever to intercede for us.*

*For these and all other benefits of your mighty
resurrection, thanks be you, O Christ.*

SUNDAY

Luke Ch.19 verse 37.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.



Blessed be the Lord, who freely came to save our sinful race; he comes, in God his Father's name, with words of truth and grace.

Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise! The highest heaven in which he reigns shall give him nobler praise.

MONDAY

Luke Ch.22 verse 19-20.

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.



Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

TUESDAY

Luke Ch.22. verses 39- 40.



Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.”

Heavenly Father, we confess how weak we are in ourselves as we face temptation, and how strong are the forces of evil in the world around us.

Daily and hourly gird us with your strength, that we may be saved from sinning and be victorious over every foe; for yours, O Lord, is the power, as yours also is the kingdom and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen..

WEDNESDAY

Luke Ch.22 verse 41- 42.

**He withdrew
- - -knelt down and prayed,
“Father, if you are willing
take this cup from me,
yet not my will, but
yours be done.”**



Lord Christ, who for love of our souls chose the costliest following of the Father’s will: forgive us, who have so often followed the easy path of selfish desire, and set your law of sacrifice within our hearts; that we may be ready to deny ourselves and courageously walk in your steps, our crucified Redeemer; who lives and reigns in the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for evermore.....Amen

THURSDAY

Luke Ch.22 verses 33– 34.

When they came
to the place called
the Skull, there
they crucified
him - - - Jesus said,
“Father, forgive them
for they do not know
what they are doing”.



It was for us, Lord Jesus, that you endured all this:
the hatred, the treachery, the rejection of men;
the scourging, the mockery, the crown of thorns;
the agony and shame and dereliction of the cross.
It was for us men and for our salvation
that you suffered and died.
Give us each one a deeper understanding
of what you have done for us,
and of what we owe to you;
that we may live as those who are no longer their own
but have been bought with a price,
the price of your life-blood, O Lamb of God,
our most gracious Redeemer and King.

Amen



FRIDAY

Luke Ch.24 verses 30 & 32.



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. - - - and they recognised him. - - - They asked each other “were not our hearts burning within us while he talked - - - and opened the scriptures to us”.

Almighty God, who through your only Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy his glorious resurrection, may be risen with him, and seek the things that are above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

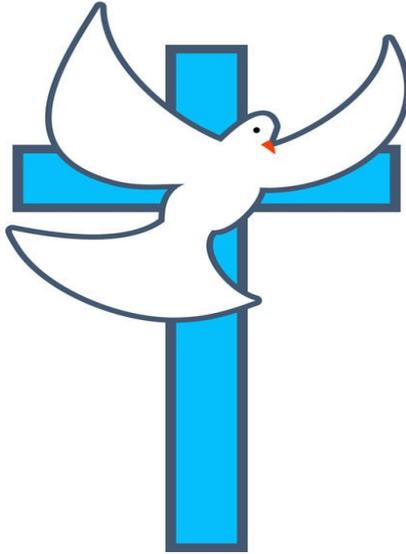
SATURDAY

2Corinthians Ch.5 verse 15.

He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

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.

*I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
you have died for me;
trusting you for full salvation
great and free.*



*I am trusting you to guide me—
you alone shall lead;
every day and hour supplying
all my need.*

Prayers taken from;
Family Prayers, Anthology of Public Prayers, New Parish Prayers,
Mission Praise 406 & C.F.W.