

Prayers for Holy Week:

Monday: Lord Jesus, in this sacred week, when we are confronted by the depth and mystery of your love and nature, help us to remain faithful to your ways even though the ways of the world may ridicule and belittle. May familiarity never be allowed to anaesthetise us from the horrors of that first Holy Week. Rather help us rejoice in the hope that love endures all things. AMEN.

Tuesday: God of love, you love us so deeply that we are never forsaken. In this time of global emergency, may we extend your love to all who, even faced with great risk, use their knowledge and skills so that others may live healthy and free. May they know the strength of our appreciation and may we appreciate more the strength of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Wednesday: Since you first called your disciples, Lord Jesus, countless millions have followed you. During this Holy Week, may we go forward with you on the way to the cross loyal in our discipleship, ever searching for meaning, humble in our witness. May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us sufficient to fit our own as we would walk with you in faith, in love and in wonder. AMEN.

Maundy Thursday: Even overshadowed by the expectation of betrayal, Lord God, Jesus shares hospitality with friends. He takes things of our everyday, bread and wine, breaks and shares them as his body and blood will soon be broken and spilled. There is no greater love than a man should lay down his life for others. Forgive our part in the world's injustice, inhumanity, selfishness and greed. May faith work within us for good and may your love lead us to work for the betterment of all crying in despair. So may we know that, through loving others we ourselves are blessed. AMEN.

Good Friday: In the face of undeserving suffering, you bring the mystery of unmerited love.

Crucified, cursed and spat upon, you now wait for death and look for us whose humanity has betrayed you. Grant us forgiveness and open our eyes, our hearts, our souls to see what you do now; as you disempower our depravities and transform us by your grace. Thanks be to you Jesus Christ, now and forever. AMEN.