

Morning Prayer for Holy Week

*(Please join in with the words in **bold**.)*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

To God the Father who created the world:

To God the Son who redeemed the world:

To God the Spirit who sustains the world

Be all praise and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

O God, you know us all to be set
in the midst of many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Suffering Servant *Isaiah 53: 2-5*

By his wounds we are healed.

He had no form or majesty
that we should look upon him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

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He was despised and rejected by others;
A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we counted him stricken,
stuck down by God and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

By his wounds we are healed.

Bible Reading

Monday: Luke 22.1-23

Tuesday: Luke 22.39-53

Wednesday: Luke 22.54-71

Thursday: Luke 23.1-25

Friday: Luke 23.26-47

Saturday: John 2.18-22

Reflection

Prayers

Loving Father God,
on this journey of Holy Week during these difficult days of enforced isolation may we draw closer to you and to one another. We give thanks that through modern technology we are finding new ways of being together in worship. May that worship be enriched by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and may we, your people, support one another through our prayers, encouragement and love. **Amen.**

We pray for our world in the grip of this pandemic.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who feel safe remember those who are truly vulnerable and afraid.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who have to choose between preserving their health and making ends meet.

May we who have had to cancel our trips remember those who have no place to go.

May we who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

May we who have a degree of security remember those who face distress and hardship because of loss of employment.

As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other may we find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. **Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Through his wounds may you find healing;
Through his pain may you find relief;
Through his suffering may you find freedom;
Through his cross may you find victory.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.**