

Holy Week Prayers from Palm Sunday to Easter

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Palm Sunday - Suggested Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Today we shout “Hosanna!” It means “Save us!” Sometimes we need your help, God. We turn to you when we need guidance or wisdom. Help us when we don’t know which way to go. Guide us throughout this Holy Week as we learn and grow in faith. Amen.

Keep your palm as a reminder of the meaning sacrifice throughout the year. Directions for making a cross from a palm are on the back of this sheet.

Holy Week Monday - Suggested Reading: Matthew 21:12-13 and Luke 19:41

Prayer for Holy Week Monday

On this day Jesus was angry, sad, and tired. Sometimes we are angry, sad, and tired too. God, please be near us no matter how we feel, and help us remember you are always with us, no matter what. Amen.

Holy Week Tuesday - Suggested Reading: John 12:35-36a

Prayer for Holy Week Tuesday

God, help us to enjoy the people we love while we have them with us. Help us to remember that each day is a precious gift. Amen.

Holy Week Wednesday - Suggested Reading: John 12:36b

Prayer for Holy Week Wednesday

God, please help us develop a practice of silence. While we try to ignore all the distractions around us and be still, please help our chattering minds return to the silence. May we hear your voice in quiet moments. Amen.

Holy Week Thursday, Maundy Thursday - Suggested Reading: Mark 14:22-24

Service at 7:00 pm

Prayer for Holy Week Thursday

When we smell the wonderful scent of baking bread or eat a freshly baked loaf, may we remember that special meal Jesus had with his disciples. May we remember that, just as Jesus ate around a table with disciples, he is near to us, too. Amen.

Holy Week Friday, Good Friday - Suggested Reading: Matthew 25:45-50

Service at 7:00 pm

Prayer for Holy Week Friday

The day Jesus died was such a sad day. Darkness covered the whole earth. God, please be near to us when we are sad about the death of Jesus or the death of anyone we love. Draw near to us when we grieve. Amen.

Holy Week Saturday, Holy Saturday - Suggested Reading: Matthew 27:77

Prayer for Holy Week Saturday

God, on Holy Saturday, we wait and wonder. We wait for Jesus to rise from the dead, just as he said, and we wonder what was happening in that empty tomb. Help us to wait and wonder with hope in our hearts. Amen.

Easter Sunday - Suggested Reading: Mark 16:2-5 Waterfront Service at 6:30 am Breakfast at 8 Service at 10 am

Prayer for Easter Sunday

We started this week by saying “Hosanna! !” We end it by saying “Hallelujah!” Thank you, God, for all the good gifts of Easter. Thank you for the hope that comes when the tomb is empty. Christ is Risen! He has risen indeed.

To make your cross. Start with 1 palm. Most of them are actually 2 connected together, so if it easily splits into 2 palms, separate them completely. One thickness will be easier to fold. (Taken from Catholic Icing website)

1. Fold the palm down, not in half. The length of the short side will be the length of your cross.



2. Turn it over so the long side of the palm is facing you. Fold the long side back at a 45 degree angle. This will make one arm of your cross.



3. Fold the long side of the palm back at the length you want the arm of your cross to be.



4. Fold the long side of the palm forward at the length you want the other arm of your cross to be.



5. Fold the pointy end of the palm up at a 45 degree angle.



6. Fold the palm down around the back.



7. Now, fold the end up parallel to the arms of the cross.



8. Fold it across the back again at another 45 degree angle.



9. Now, bring the tail of the palm down and thread it under the piece in the back.



10. Wind the tail around the same piece until there is not enough left to wind anymore.



Place your finished cross under something heavy to flatten the folds and keep it looking nice.

