

Good Friday Prayer

April 10, 2020

Introduction

The purpose of this time of prayer is to lead us in worship of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. It is to come face to face with our desperate need and God's extravagant goodness, to humble us before the glory of God's grace. I have found no better way to worship God in Spirit and in truth than to pray from Scripture.

The format of this time will be like this. A Scripture passage will be read, Then I will give a prayer prompt in light of the passage. I will pause for 30 seconds to allow you to pray. Then I will pray before moving to the next passage.

If you have a Bible I would encourage you to have that read to follow along in the reading. Also when I pause to allow you to pray, couples perhaps you can designate a prayer, or you can alternate, or pray silently.

Let us worship the Crucified Savior as we prayerfully journey to the Cross through the Word of God.

**God's Goodness, Humanity's Sinfulness - Genesis
1:31; 3:6-8; 3:21**

Genesis 1:31, *“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”*

Genesis 3:6-8, *“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.”*

Genesis 3:21, “*And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*”

Prompt: God I/we see your goodness through...

Prompt: Like Adam and Eve I/we are deceived by...

God’s Redemptive Plan - Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:1-3, “*Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your*

father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Prompt: Father, redemption is purely a gift of grace,
I/we trust your grace in...

**Salvation through Substitute - Exodus 12:3, 7,
12-13**

Exodus 12:3, 7, 12-13, *“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household...Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it...For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And*

when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”

Prompt: Confess all we trust instead of God...

The Promised King - 2 Samuel 7:8-9, 12, 16 &

Isaiah 53:2-5

2 Samuel 7:8-9, 12, 16, *“Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following*

the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you.

And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth...When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his

kingdom...And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Isaiah 53:2-5, *“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;*

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

The New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah 31:31-34, “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the

Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Prompt: Father, in Christ, you gracious provide...

Prompt: In these days we pray the Spirit strengthens us for...

Jesus' Crucifixion & Death - Mark 15:21-39

Mark 15:21-39, *“And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they*

offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with

the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with

sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God.””

Prompt: Silently meditate on the death of Christ when he endured God’s wrath for our sin, providing reconciliation with the holy God...

Prompt: Because you opened the curtain, I come before your throne asking for grace for...

Conclusion

O merciful Father, the maker of all creation and each person, who has made a way for salvation, redemption, forgiveness, reconciliation, we ask for your mercy in these days. We pray the Holy Spirit would empower the church with all humility and love to proclaim the Good News of Good Friday, the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. Bring

salvation through Jesus, the Son of Abraham, the Son of David, the New Adam, the Son of God.

Remove the blindness and soften hearts. In this time of great uncertainty cause all peoples to be brought low so that you might exalt them with eternal joy and hope in Christ. We trust you to meet our daily needs because you have met our eternal need. Hear our prayers through the blood of Christ. We trust in the death of Jesus for our sins alone. It is He we worship and it is in His name we pray. AMEN!