

HOLY WEEK PRAYER MAP

WHITEWATER CROSSING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Commit to a specific time and place each day for prayer. As you're able, pick a time and place that is outside the reach of distraction.

As you fast, use the Scripture Path below to walk with Jesus on the path toward the cross and the feast to follow. Pick a passage and notice the heart of God's Word along Jesus's path to crucifixion. Pray that God's Spirit would hide His Word in your heart.

Pray the prayers below with us. Using the prompts below, respond with your own written prayer in your journal or on a notecard you can keep in your Bible. Consider praying together with your people, and even sharing your prayer with them.

MONDAY (DAY 1)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 21:12-22, MARK 11:12-19, LUKE 19:45-48

God of my deepest needs, in my fasting and in my wanting, cleanse me whiter than snow; heal my unbelief. Father, the deep parts in You call to the deep parts in me. Make me a person of prayer, willing to follow at great cost; let me hang on Your every Word. In every moment, lead me along the path of Jesus – even to the cross of death – that I might rise with Jesus in fullness of life. Humble me and make me willing, God.

- **A Prayer For You:** Ask God to give you an insistent hunger for His Word.
- **A Prayer For Others:** Think of someone specific, and pray to God that their heart would open to the reality of God's love and grace.

TUESDAY (DAY 2)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 21:23-26:5, MARK 11:27-14:2, LUKE 20:1-22:2

God of the living, in my fasting and in my wanting, shepherd my heart today. Remind me of my identity in You, my Cornerstone, and of my share in the kingdom of God. Cleanse me whiter than snow; heal my unbelief and prepare in me a sacrifice – like Jesus. Humble me on this path of sacrifice, so that I can really see and love those within my reach. This is the fruit You call me to bear today. Humble me and make me willing, God.

- **A Prayer For You:** Ask God to show you any unconfessed sin (things spoken, unspoken, done, and not done that hurt you, others, or creation).
- **A Prayer For Others:** Pray for the eternal and right-now good of someone who has hurt you.

WEDNESDAY (DAY 3)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 26:6-16, MARK 14:3-11, LUKE 22:3-6

God of my worship, in my fasting, and in my wanting, I adore You and value You above everything else. Use Your Word, Your Spirit, and this life You give me to cause bold thanksgiving and worship in my heart toward You. Shameless adoration! Teach me to notice You more and more on this path, though hungry and poor. Cleanse me whiter than snow. Heal my unbelief. All I have is Yours, and so without shame or hesitation, I lay it down at Your feet. Humble me and make me willing, God.

- **A Prayer For You:** Take a moment to remember the joy of your salvation, and to offer a simple hymn of praise (not perfect or particularly musical – just an utterance of praise).
- **A Prayer For Others:** Think of a friend who needs joy in salvation, pray for them, and ask God for opportunities to share God's love and truth with that person.

THURSDAY (DAY 4)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 26:17-75, MARK 14:12-72, LUKE 22:7-71, JOHN 13:1-18:27

God of confusion, disappointment, and suffering, today I eat and drink the food You give me; this is my hymn of thanks, to trust You even when I don't understand. In my fasting and in my want, will You awaken my whole mind and body to sit with You whether in sorrow or joy, death or life? My spirit is willing, but my flesh is often weak. Cleanse me of my wanting today, Jesus. I hold fast to You because You hold fast to me; and when I fail, Lord, have mercy on me again. Teach me to stand with You even in the face of great harm, and to do the work You've given me today – to love those within my reach today no matter what comes. Humble me and make me willing, God.

- **A Prayer For You:** Name your doubts, and ask God's Spirit – our Counselor and Comforter – for the spiritual understanding and strength to trust Him in your waiting.
- **A Prayer For Others:** Ask the Father to further position you in the life of someone spiritually stuck in broken beliefs about God.

GOOD FRIDAY (DAY 5)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 27:1-61, MARK 15:1-47, LUKE 23:1-56, JOHN 18:28-19:42

God of the torn curtain, You have made a way, destroying the barriers between us. Even when I'm thirsty – parched and desperate in my fasting and in my wanting – let me drink the cup of Christ instead of giving in to what the mocking world offers me. Cleanse me of my false thirsts! Lord, teach me to notice and be silent with Jesus when the world isn't ready to hear – and when the mob cries out, will You strengthen me on the long path of patient obedience? Humble me and make me willing, God. Today, even in silent sadness and confusion, and yet now in great Hope, my whole heart cries out: This is the Christ, King Jesus, Son of God. Thank You, Jesus. How could I thank You enough?

- **A Prayer For You:** Pray for understanding: God, I don't understand parts of this. Will you help me understand more? And will you make me stronger like Jesus when temptation comes?
- **A Prayer For Others:** Lift up a friend who is succumbing to the temptation to consume what the world offers. Pray that they would meet the better King.

SATURDAY (DAY 6)

SCRIPTURE PATHS:

MATTHEW 27:62-66

God of my silent waiting, our world has dismissed You – believed You are dead. And I have doubted, too. In my fasting and in my wanting, I hunger and thirst for the truth. King Jesus, Son of God, Chosen One, will You rise up? Will You cleanse me and raise me, also? Able Spirit, hold fast with me on this path – my soul is set on the feast. Humble me and make me willing, God; my soul is set on You alone. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Rise into our darkest places anew! We wait for You alone!

- **A Prayer For You:** Ask God to be with you in your waiting: God, I don't really know what's going on today, and I'm anxious and afraid. I know You are very patient. Will you make me patient?
- **A Prayer For Others:** Ask God right now to whisper His presence to your friend or loved one who has lost hope. Ask Him again and again.