

Good Friday Afternoon Prayer Vigil 2023

Based on the Red Letter Challenge

These meditations follow the weekly themes of the Red Letter Challenge, along with accompanying Scriptures from the reading plan and other Scripture passages. You are encouraged to reflect on how Jesus has manifested these themes in your life, and how His Passion and Crucifixion fulfilled these themes.

- **Being:** Our doing flows out of who we are and who we become when we spend time with Christ.

John 8:31-32 – “If you hold to my teaching to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Other Scriptures: Acts 17:28; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 1:3

- **Forgiving:** There is no sin too big that God did not die for on the cross.

John 3:17 -- “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Other Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 10:19-23

- **Serving:** While serving others won't save you, it may help save someone else.

Mark 9: 35 -- “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

Other Scriptures: Matthew 20:28; Luke 22:26-27; Ephesians 6:7

- **Giving:** I'm convinced it's impossible to be a stingy Christian.

Luke 6:35 – “But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.”

Other Scriptures: Matthew 10:8; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 9:7

- **Going:** “When God calls you to go somewhere, you never go alone.”

Matthew 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

Other Scriptures: Acts 1:8; I Peter 3:15; I John 5:1-5

Psalms for Prayer, Meditation and Commitment: 51, 22, 103, 86, 69, 63, 119:169-176

The Seven Last Words on the Cross:

Luke 23:34 – “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 24:43 – “Today you will be with Me in paradise.”

John 19:26-27 – “Dear woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

Matthew 27:46 – “My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?.”

John 19:36 – “I am thirsty.”

Luke 23:46 – “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”

John 19:30 – “It is finished.”