Good Friday Prayer Vigil 2025 Prayers of the Passion

These reflections are designed to build upon the themes of the Lenten Midweek Services considering various manners of prayer brought out in Jesus' Passion. During the three hours (the *Tre Ora*) of Jesus' suffering on the Cross, you are invited to practice these different approaches of prayer.



• Prayers of the Penitent

Key Verse: Psalm 51:1 - "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions."

Postures of Prayer

Key Verse: Matthew 26:39 – "Going a little farther, (Jesus) fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Prayers of Forgiveness

Key Verse: Luke 23:34 – "Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots."

Prayers of Healing

Key Verse: James 5:14 – "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."

Prayers for the Persecuted

Key Verse: Hebrews 13:3 – "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

Praying the Psalms

Key Verse: Psalm 22:1 – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

Psalms for Prayer, Meditation and Commitment:

51, 22, 103, 86, 69, 63, 119:169-176

The Seven Last Words on the Cross:

Luke 23:24 – "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."