



**HARVEST
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**WEEK OF
PRAYER**

PRAYER
GUIDE

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Holy Week is a call to reflect on what is simultaneously the worst and greatest of all deaths in human history. This week is also meant to steer us to a posture of thankfulness for a gift given to us that we could never possibly repay. This side of heaven, we will not fully know the magnitude of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but we do know more than enough to bow in humility before the King who made himself nothing so we could have everything.



This week, I hope you'll find yourself many times in this posture of reflection and thankfulness. This Prayer Guide is intentionally simple, and you will get the most out of it if you use it in some of the following ways:

- > Download the devotional ***"Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy"*** by visiting our website. Also download this ***Prayer Guide*** which has been designed to correspond with the devotional. Keep both close by on your desktop or mobile device for easy access. For those of you with children in Harvest Kids, be sure to download the Harvest Kids Prayer Guide as well. You can work through this booklet alongside your kids. Older children can work through this booklet independently. Our prayer is that this will be a blessing to you as a family as you disciple those entrusted to your care. (The devotional is published by Desiring God ministries and is used with permission.)
- > Each day during Holy Week includes two devotionals (morning and evening). Read one or both of the devotionals each day, read through the ***Key Scriptures*** indicated in this guide, and pray through the corresponding prayer points for each day.
- > Make this 8-day commitment to being in the word of God and praying, and take that commitment seriously. Make sure your plan for your day includes time for this; once a day for 8 days.
- > Begin by asking the Lord to use this week to multiply your love and affection for Jesus because of the life-changing, eternity-altering sacrifice he has made for us. Also, ask the Lord to teach you to pray so that your supreme desire is to glorify him no matter what the situation, the prayer request, or your desired outcome.

SUNDAY
APRIL 09
PALM SUNDAY

KEY SCRIPTURES: Mark 11:9-10; Luke 19:41-44
Read "Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Palm Sunday"

- > Thank Jesus for his mercy that grieves over our sin but offers the free gift of salvation.
- > Ask the Lord to give you a heart that truly grieves for the lost and for the courage to share the gospel with the lost.
- > Write down the names of family, friends, neighbours, co-workers, and others who need the mercy of Jesus upon their life; pray that the Lord extends this mercy to those people and to our city and region.

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MONDAY
APRIL 10

KEY SCRIPTURES: John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-23;
Hebrews 1:1-4

Read "Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Holy Monday"

- Spend some time examining your heart before the Lord in the following ways:
 - Confession and repentance of personal sin.
 - Read today's passages listed above and ask God for a higher view of who Jesus Christ is.
 - Ask the Lord for this higher view of Christ to fuel your heart in worship of him as you walk through Holy Week in anticipation of the death and resurrection of Christ.

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TUESDAY APRIL 11

KEY SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 53:1-7; Mark 8:31-38

Read **“Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Holy Tuesday”**

- > Reflect on what the suffering of Christ has accomplished for us; Jesus is:
 - Our **SUBSTITUTE** (1 Corinthians 5:7)
 - Our **PROPITIATION** (Hebrews 2:17)
 - Our **REDEEMER** (Galatians 3:13)
 - Our **RECONCILIATION** (Ephesians 2:14-18)

- > Thank Jesus for his willingness to walk the road to Calvary for us and for all that his death accomplished.

- > Prayerfully examine your own life in search of ways you may be protecting your own comfort instead of being willing to suffer for your commitment to the gospel.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

KEY SCRIPTURES: John 12:1-8

Read **“Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Spy Wednesday”**

- > What are the things in your life that you value more than Jesus?

- > Like yesterday, prayerfully examine your life and ask the Lord to reveal some of the “costly” things you need to do as an expression of your love for him:
 - Do you need to forgive someone who has sinned against you?

 - Who will you ask to hold you accountable for any private sin in your life?

 - Is it time for you to commit to tithing – financially giving to the Lord what belongs to him?

 - Will it mean inviting someone you love to church on Good Friday and Easter Sunday?

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THURSDAY APRIL 13

KEY SCRIPTURES: Mark 14:32-42; Philippians 2:5-11

Read **“Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Maundy Thursday”**

- > Spend time today thanking Jesus for our hope of future glory that has been secured by his sinless life, substitutionary death, victorious resurrection, glorious ascension, and the promise of his soon return.
- > In prayer, what areas of your life do you need to surrender (again) to the will of your Heavenly Father who loves you?

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SATURDAY APRIL 15

KEY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 22:1-31

Read **“Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy: Holy Saturday”**

Full surrender to the plan of God often results in apparent silence from God when we need his direction most, much like what the disciples may have experienced on the Saturday between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

- > Is there something that you’ve surrendered to God but you’re still waiting for him to do? What emotions does the time of waiting stir up in you? Fear? Doubt? Worry? Anxiety? Depression? Hope? Joy? Peace? Second-guessing? Spend some time in prayer today surrendering all your emotions to Christ, and affirming your commitment to wait on God for his plan for your life.
- > It was our sin that sentenced Jesus to die on the cross. Thank him for his blood that was spilled and his body that was broken to free us from the penalty and the power of sin, and will one day free us from the presence of sin forever.

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Harvest Bible Chapel exists to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

Matthew 28:18-20 & Matthew 22:37-39

WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

1

Proclaiming the authority of God's word without apology. 2 Timothy 4:2

2

Lifting high the name of Jesus in worship. John 4:24

3

Believing firmly in the power of prayer. Ephesians 6:18

4

Sharing the good news of Jesus with boldness. Ephesians 6:19-20



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