

Prayers for Good Friday

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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12:00 pm Introduction
Pastor Marty O'Rourke

12:05 pm Miracle of Forgiveness
The Rev. Adrian Knight

(Luke 23:33-34) When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals — one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

12:30 pm Miracle of the Converted Thief
Pastor Nile Gomez

(Luke 23:39-43) One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us! But the other criminal rebuked him. Don't you fear God, he said, since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him, I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.

1:00 pm Miracle of Darkness
Vivian Hayes

(Matthew 27:45) From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

1:30 pm Miracle of the Temple Veil Tearing
Deacon Tom Sweeney

(Matthew 27:51) At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.

2:00 pm Miracle of Dead People Walking
Jonathan Bekker

(Matthew 27:52-53) The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

2:30 pm Miracle of the Converted Centurion
Arthur Devine

(Matthew 27:54) When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, Surely he was the Son of God!

3:00 pm Miracle of Joseph's Courage
Pastor Jim Brown

(Mark 15:43) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.