

APRIL 2-4, 2015
MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY

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Lent is a time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes his disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The sufferings and death of Jesus
Saturday	Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	In God I hope
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	Christ is risen!

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He appeared as a man. He came down to the lowest level. He obeyed God completely, even though it led to his death. In fact, he died on a cross. Philippians 2:8 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms on the cross in love for us. Open our hearts and the hearts of others to receive your love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as we gather to enjoy what is before us, we remember what you gave up for our sake. Make us strong to love and serve others in thanks to you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the loving sacrifice of Jesus open your heart to him and to others. May God's grace and mercy fill your life, now and always. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Thinking about the story of Jesus' sufferings and death, what stands out to you?
- If you could write words for a sign to place above the cross of Jesus, what would they be?
- What is one thing you can do this Easter to show thanks to Jesus for giving his life on the cross for you?

DEVOTIONS

Gather together as a household to reflect on the story of the sufferings and death of Jesus. Light a candle to symbolize the life of Christ. Read John 18:1 - 19:42, or from a children's Bible storybook. At the point in the Bible passage or storybook where the death of Jesus is recounted, snuff out the candle and have a period of silence. Invite each person to say a prayer of thanks to Jesus for his sacrifice.

SERVICE

Jesus washed his followers' feet to symbolize how he would serve them and cleanse them through his death on the cross. Arrange for those in your household to wash one another's feet as an act of service. Pray for God's help to serve one another in practical ways in daily life, following the example of Jesus.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

For Good Friday and Holy Saturday, cover your dinner table with a black cloth. As a table centerpiece, set up a simple cross by tying two branches together with twine and standing it up in a pot of soil or pebbles. Cover the cross with a smaller black cloth. Place a large nail at each person's place as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for them. When you gather to eat, have each person taste a small amount of vinegar in remembrance of Jesus' sufferings on the cross (see Psalm 69:21 and Luke 23:26). Also prepare to replace the black tablecloth with a white or colored tablecloth on Sunday and to uncover the cross and decorate it with colorful paper streamers.



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