

Holy Week Prayer Vigil Guide

Vigil begins on Maundy Thursday at 8:00 pm through 9:00 pm Good Friday
Make a commitment to pray at least for 1 hour during this time, putting this commitment on your calendar. There are prayer stations set up in Fellowship Hall that will stay up through Easter Sunday. The church will be open to pray at the prayer stations or in the sanctuary on Thursday after the Maundy Thursday service until 9:00, and on Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00pm, and from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. You can also pray at your home, out in nature or wherever the Lord leads you.

Suggestions for prayer time:

- 1) Quiet yourself for a minute before you begin forming words.**
- 2) What comes to your heart? Bring this before the Lord in prayer.**
- 4) We invite you to use the list below if you find yourself looking for prayer topics.**
- 5) Feel free to pray any of the suggested scriptures.**

Prayer Topics: Pray for...

- * Those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**
- * Our Easter services (including the services of DCF and Shalom), that God would use them to change many lives.**
- * Christians across the world who are persecuted for their faith.**
- * The unity of the Church here and throughout the world.**
- * Those who suffer from the danger of war and violence, especially the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, Cuba and Nigeria.**
- * Migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the U.S. and abroad.**
- * Our nation and all those who hold public office. Pray for the coming election.**
- * Those who are suffering from financial strain, job loss, housing issues, or hunger.**
- * Those who face unfair discrimination and racism.**
- * People who are fearful, anxious and isolated.**
- * Those who are suffering from illness or recovering from surgery, and their caretakers.**
- * Children and youth and their families, especially foster families, single parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, and children caring for elderly parents.**
- * Our church leadership, staff and pastors for wisdom, protection and courage to serve faithfully.**
- * For God to raise up servants for the ministries we have been called to.**
- * Your neighborhood and city for opportunities to share God's love.**
- * Families affected by mental illness, divorce, broken relationships, and other challenges.**
- * Public servants and those in the military and their families.**
- * Doctors and nurses and others in the medical field helping those who are sick.**
- * Pray for yourself, your relationship with God, and with others.**
- * Give thanks and praise for all your blessings.**

Psalm 46 (NRSV) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake

in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 18:1-3 I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.

Psalm 23 (KJV) The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 33:20-22 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 42:11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Psalm 62:5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

Psalm 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

Psalm 130:5-6 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Jeremiah 29:11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Lamentation 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.