

FROM THE HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer can change your life. Regular conversations with our heavenly Father is where joy is found. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring the healing presence of God into your life.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Heavenly Father, we pray that during this time of Lent you will help us look deep inside ourselves so as to let go of the old and embrace new life that comes from You. Father, help us to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate each of us to repent from our sins and ascend to a new level of experiencing your grace and love.

May this season of repentance and renewal bring us the blessings and joy of Your forgiveness and unconditional love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

We would love to extend an invitation to all to join our ministry praying for others in church. May God bless you on your Lenten prayer journey.

FROM OUR RECTOR

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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Each year I look forward to Lent. Yes, you heard that right! I welcome the liturgical encouragement to slow down, give myself some time and space to think and pray, and to allow God a chance to speak to me anew. It is a time to reassess priorities, decisions, and directions of our lives in light of Jesus's life and teaching, and to prepare ourselves for the coming Holy Week. Perhaps I am simply a traditionalist, but I prefer to give up something during Lent rather than take on something new. Fasting of all kinds helps me focus on the blessings I often take for granted (because I am going without them), or it disrupts my routines and expectations in such a way that I get a fresh perspective into my own life and heart. Giving up something for Lent, or fasting from it, also helps me consider just how much I enjoy the instant gratification that this modern life offers me. There is power in fasting (in all forms), and I commend it to you.

If fasting is not something that helps you, then perhaps you can take on something new. A new prayer practice, a new service opportunity, or even a period of time where you create a daily prayer routine. While Lent is not a self-improvement opportunity, it is a time when by either giving something up, or taking on new spiritual disciplines, we can reevaluate our lives and our connection to God.

However you decide to observe this year's Lent, I encourage you to begin your focus on "being" rather than "doing." The fasts or disciplines are only tools to help us discern and grow closer to God. The ultimate purpose of these 40 days of wilderness is to do the hard work of evaluating our selves in relationship to God, and choosing to walk closer to the way of Christ. It is seeing our sin for what it is, and choosing a new path away from it and toward our God, our true source of peace and joy.

So I invite you to this holy work of Lent, of fasting and of new disciplines, of being more than doing. May your efforts to seek and grow closer to God be rewarded with a deep peace and joy.

Prayer to start our Lenten journey (BCP 264):

"Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



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*T+ ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

SOME THOUGHTS

Find a place appropriate for you in which to take some time, say 10 to 15 minutes or so, to pray.

A good way to begin is to try to express these specific intentions:

for all who have asked my prayers;

for all for whom my prayers have been asked;

for all for whom I have promised to pray;

for all for whom I may have neglected or forgotten to pray;

for all who need my prayers

and for all for whom I would pray if I knew their needs.

Since this list covers the waterfront, by title at least,

take a moment or two to think about what might be being suggested to you. Then, take the text of each request, one at a time, and hold it before God, either with words or without them according to the style that suits you best.

To close, I would suggest the following:

ALMIGHTY GOD you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; we beseech you to have compassion on our infirmities and to give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not and in our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us through the mercies and mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

OUR FATHER.....

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.



~Offering from The Very Rev. J. Robert Orpen, Jr. former Assisting Priest at St. Michael's

++ THURSDAY, MARCH 7

PRAY FOR GOD'S PROMISE

GOD DIDN'T PROMISE DAYS WITHOUT PAIN, LAUGHTER WITHOUT SORROW, NOR SUN WITHOUT RAIN. BUT HE DID PROMISE STRENGTH FOR THE DAY, COMFORT FOR THE TEARS AND LIGHT FOR THE WAY.

+T+ FRIDAY, MARCH 8

PRAY FOR GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

I keep coming back to this sign pictured above. It reminds me constantly that when my repeated, daily prayers are not answered as soon and in the way I think they should, God does things in His own time and His own way. And even if I get mad at Him for not doing what I ask, He provides me with so many other small joys. He is constantly with me, appearing as someone's kind word, the beautiful weather (sunny or snowy), an easy parking space, my beloved niece, and always my wonderful friends. May God's light perpetually shine on us.

* SATURDAY, MARCH 9

PRAY FOR OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WILL

Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely on your holy will. in every hour of the day reveal your will to me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with firm conviction that your will governs everything. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by you. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will. Teach me to pray. Pray yourself in me.

~A Prayer of Philaret Metropolitan of Moscow (1821-1867)

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* MARCH 10

PRAY FOR GOD'S PURPOSE IN MY LIFE

Heavenly Father,

During this Lenten season and time of renewal, please help us to be mindful of not just specific spiritual gifts that we have been given, but to remember what is expected of us, in our daily lives, as your followers. In 1 Thessalonians 5, we are told to...

- be at peace with everyone (v 13)
- encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone (v 14)
- guard against those who would repay wrong for wrong (v15)
- strive to do what is good for others (v15)
- rejoice always (v 16)
- pray continually (v 17)
- always give thanks regardless of the circumstances (v 18)

Please help us to strive for the type of character where these qualities come naturally. Help us to be more like you each day. We thank you for this time of renewal. Please help us to remember the reason that you suffered on the cross, so that we may have eternal life.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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* MONDAY, MARCH 11

PRAY FOR HEALING

"Heavenly father you are intimately aware of the struggle I am experiencing, the pain and the despair. You know the desire of my heart to be healed of this affliction. I ask for your healing touch. I know you are able, and that just like in bible times, you can heal me."

++ TUESDAY, MARCH 12

PRAY FOR STRENGTH

. .isn't it strange
that Princes and Kings,
and Clowns that caper
in sawdust rings. . .and common
Folks
like you and me
are builders for all eternity.

To each is given a book of rules,
a block of stone
and a bag of tools.
and each must make
'ere life has flown
a stumbling block or
a stepping stone.

* WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

PRAY FOR HOPE

"Remember always - Hope is seeing light in spite of being surrounded in darkness"

+ THURSDAY, MARCH 14

PRAY FOR SIMPLICITY

God knows our thoughts, our prayer, before we ever utter a word. Draw on him with faith and simplicity. It need not be fancy or eloquent. Just from the heart and calm.

Ask the Father as a child asks a parent. He is always listening to hear your heart.

++ FRIDAY, MARCH 15

PRAY FOR DIRECTION

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Book of Common Prayer Collect

** SATURDAY, MARCH 16

PRAY FOR TEARS

Out of mist, God's
Blind hand gropes to find
Your face. The fingers
Want to memorize your face. The fingers
Will be wet with the tears of your eyes. God
Wants only to love you, perhaps.

"What You Sometimes Feel on your Face at Night" in *Or Else* by Robert Penn Warren

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PRAY FOR FAITH & COURAGE

My Cup Has Overflowed

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough But I've got loving ones all around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe, about the tough rows I have hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

~ Author Unknown

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+ MONDAY, MARCH 18

PRAY FOR EMOTIONAL HEALING

Jesus, I ask you to enter my heart and touch those life experiences which need to be healed. You know me so much better than I know myself. Therefore, bring your love to every corner of my heart. Wherever you discover the wounded child, touch him, console him and release him.

~ Barbara Leahy Shlemon



PRAY FOR BEING LIFTED

It is often said that the Church is a crutch. Of course it's a crutch. What makes you think you don't limp?

~William Sloane Coffin



PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

I pray O Lord Most High to always remember that YOU are with us. Inside of us. Never ALONE. YOU ARE INSIDE OF US Lord GOD, JESUS CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

I pray that I am Never ALONE. For God reminds me to "BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD".

Psalm 46:10

I pray to You GOD, our Cosmic, Miraculous, Unconditional GOD who LOVES US.

That there may be praying for each other, invoking Your NAME and giving us the right words for prayers for Healing—ANYTIME, ANYPLACE, and ANYWHERE.

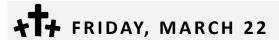
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++ THURSDAY, MARCH 21

PRAY FOR CONFIDENCE

Jesus told his followers not to worry about their lives. Their Father in heaven was concerned for them and knew what all their needs were. They were to pray to the Father for their needs, but in doing so they did not have to multiply their prayers to endless length. There was no need to approach God as if he had to be argued into loving them or was ignorant of their needs. Bring an attitude of confidence to your prayer time.

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." ~Matthew 6:8



PRAY FOR SEEING THROUGH YOUR EYES

Father in heaven, give me a vision for the world as you meant it to be. Give me hope that it may someday become that. Give me strength to work for the coming of your kingdom here on earth.

* SATURDAY, MARCH 23

PRAY FOR LISTENING IN LENT

Now,
O Lord,
calm me into a quietness
that heals
and listens,
And molds my longings
and passions,
my wounds
and wondering
into a more holy
and human
Shape.
Calm Me Into a Quietness

From Guerrillas of Grace:
Prayers for the Battle
by Ted Loder
~from Women's Gathering



★ MARCH 24

PRAY FOR GROWING CLOSER TO YOU

Oh Lord, in the turbulence and loneliness of my living from day to day and night to night, keep me in touch with my roots, so I will remember where I came from and with whom; keep me in touch with my feelings, so I will be more aware of who I really am and what is costs; keep me in touch with my mind so I will know who I am not and what it means: and keep me in touch with my dreams, so I will grow toward where I want to go and for whom.

O Lord,
deliver me
from the arrogance of assuming
I know enough to judge others;
deliver me
from the timidity of presuming
I don't know enough to help others;
deliver me
from the illusion of claiming I have
changed enough
when I have only risked little,
that, so liberated,
I will make some of the days to come
different.

Excerpt From Guerrillas of Grace:
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* MONDAY, MARCH 25

PRAY FOR DISCERNMENT

Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance, counsel, and gift of patience as we navigate our journeys. Help us to follow you, Lord God, as we seek to understand and love others, and address challenges that come along the way. We thank you, Lord God, for being ever present with us and for all the blessings which you bestow upon us every day. Amen.



PRAY FOR THE POOR AND THE OFTEN FORGOTTEN

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. We ask that you would heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and turn their sorrow into joy. Empower us to be the hands and feet of Jesus for them. We pray this In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sake became poor so that all might know Your incredible love. Amen.



PRAY FOR DIVINE PRESENCE

submitted by The Rev. Judith Heinrich

Eternal God,
You created us in your image,
And through your Son, Jesus called us into
relationship with you,
And all your creation;
Through this period of Lent,
Help me to find your truth, your passion and your presence
Within me and within others,
And bring healing in me that in Easter Day I may
resemble more closely the person you made me to be.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

+T+ THURSDAY, MARCH 28

PRAY FOR ANSWERING THE CALL

submitted by The Rev. Lisa M. Erdeljon

Glorious God,

Whenever You look around

And ask, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

May I be the one who answers you.

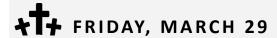
May I remember to say, "Here am I; send me!"

May I continue to serve You;

May Your Will continue to be done.

Amen.

~inspired by Isaiah 6:1-8



PRAY FOR JOY

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

~Psalm 51:13



PRAY FOR OTHERS

Each time you meet someone new, it's an opportunity to pray for one more person. The power of prayer is limitless. It connects us closer to one another, and closer to our Heavenly Father. We are moved through prayer, so move others by your pure and endless love for God. Let your prayers spread outward-giving all glory to Christ. Amen.

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PRAY FOR UNITY

Pray that our national, state and local leaders may work together to unite the various peoples of our land so that we may live together in harmony and peace. With your Holy Spirit guide our officials to discern those policies and laws that benefit all rather than a select few. May our citizens and inhabitants come to recognize the gifts that each bring to our common life and may forbearance reign. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. NIV

1 Corinthians: 12, 13 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts... For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were given the one Spirit to drink. NIV

* MONDAY, APRIL 1

PRAY FOR ALL VETERANS

Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost, and should not be taken for granted. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

++ TUESDAY, APRIL 2

PRAY FOR FAMILIES

submitted by Caren Hunter, Director, Little Angels Christian Preschool

Lord, please bless our families with Your love and protect them from harm. Give them peace in their hectic lives, grace to forgive, and strength to overcome the difficulties they face. May they feel Your presence around them Lord. In Your name we pray, Amen.

* WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

PRAY FOR REDEMPTION

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen.

~St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

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++ THURSDAY, APRIL 4

PRAY FOR CALM

Dear Heavenly Father we thank you for offering us sinners Grace and Peace in our lives. We ask to remain faithful in your truth and in the knowledge and study of your word. Help us to be mindful of your omnipresence in our lives, knowing that only Jesus can give us the peace that can exist in all circumstances, that we may have calm and balance in our lives. We ask this in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

+++ FRIDAY, APRIL 5

PRAY FOR GOD'S SHINING LIGHT

Give me an open mind, o God, a mind ready to receive and to welcome such new light of knowledge as it is Thy will to reveal to me. Let not the past ever be so dear to me as to set a limit to the future. Give me courage to change my mind, when that is needed. Let me be tolerant to the thoughts of others and hospitable to such light as may come to me through them. Amen.

~John Baillie

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* SATURDAY, APRIL 6

PRAY FOR BEAUTY

Pray for gratitude and contentment in your heart. Just breathe and listen to your beating heart. Be thankful for the simple beauty found in each new day. God is preparing you for his glorious work. Take time to speak and share God's unconditional love with others old and new. Take time to notice others around you in ways you've never seen them before. Look beyond what you see on the surface for people carry heavy burdens, worries and great love. Help them see, know and trust God. Give it all to God he will never disappoint you. He has intention and purpose for your life. Count every blessing and know the trials and challenges in your life bring you closer to God seeking his guidance, mercy and love. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE POOR

submitted by the Renk Ministry Partnership

The persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.

~from the *Book of Common Prayer,* pg. 390, Form V, Prayers of the People





+T+ APRIL 7

PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God, we praise you and thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The very spirit that empowered Jesus in his life and ministry and raised him from the dead, is the same Spirit that breathes new life into us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Raise us from spiritual death to spiritual life, from darkness into light, from fear and despair into hope and mercy. May the gifts of the Spirit be ever present in us, and may our lives reflect abundant love and joy, service and compassion for others, and a desire to do your will in our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Guide us on our journeys. May we be resurrected to new life each and every day.

In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.



+T+ MONDAY, APRIL 8

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

That one day we will feel the peace and harmony that God intended.

That people will wake up and let go of their hatred towards others.

Pray for tolerance, acceptance and the celebration of diversity.

Pray for clergy members in every congregation for they plant the seeds where beauty can grow.

Pray for our children that they will grow up sharing love, kindness, patience, compassion.

Pray for one another in the everyday walks of life. Choose peace and happiness. Pray that they may see all the good wrapped and woven within each day.

Thank you God for giving us your beloved son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Through your grace we can make this place called earth the perfect stepping stone into eternity with you. Help us be a living example of all that you are in blessings for one another.



PRAY FOR DIRECTION

Lord, we are rudderless without you. Guide us to find the holiness in each day. Our spirits are empty until you fill them. Guide us to find the purpose you have given us. When we go through darkness, you give us light. Let us know always that you are with us, and that your sacrifice will open to us your eternal kingdom.



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

submitted by Kim Curtis, Sunday School Director

Remember that the primary focus for faith formation is in the home. Children learn by watching, participating, and following their parents' lead. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship with Jesus they learn to love. Almighty and eternal God, draw our hearts to You during this Lenten season. Control our will and be dedicated to you. We pray, as you will, to guide us as parents to be patient with our children. Allow our children to honor their Father and Mother as you commanded. Amen.

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++ THURSDAY, APRIL 11

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

~Emily Dickinson



PRAY FOR WALKING IN PEACE

Oh, Great Spirit who dwells in the sky,
Lead us to the path of peace
And understanding.
Let all of us live together
As brothers and sisters.
Our lives are so short here,
Walking upon Mother Earth's surface.
Let our eyes be opened to all the blessing
You have given us.
Please hear our prayers, Oh, Great Spirit.

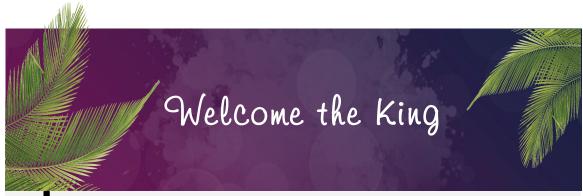
~Native American Prayer for Peace



PRAY FOR LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize His voice and call. May I find space today to let your word, your life, your light flood my spirit.

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+T+PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14

PRAY FOR JOY

submitted by The Peace & Justice Ministry

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

~Prayer of St. Francis

* MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 15

PRAY FOR A CURE

Pray for all those who are suffering from cancer. Give them strength to recover and comfort them while they are having treatment. Bless each person who has recovered and in remission. We also pray that each and every cancer cell be destroyed.

+T+ TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 16

PRAY FOR PURPOSE

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Book of Common Prayer Collect

+ WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK APRIL 17

PRAY FOR GENERATIONAL WISDOM

Mary Elizabeth (Theophilus) Bradbury raised twelve children, including my father, Theophilus. I had dozens of cousins. I loved visiting my Grandma, eating the cookies she baked, and hearing her stories. And, I treasured the only gift she ever gave me, a cup with a table grace printed around the rim.

Today, on her birthday, I thank God for the blessings of all four of my Grandparents and of the privilege of now being a Grandmother myself. My Grandchildren are a source of endless joy. I pray for grace to model "sincere faith" as my Grandmother Mary did for me, and as Eunice did for Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5). I pray that I might also guide my Grandchildren with wisdom (Psalm 90:12) and "a cheerful heart" (Proverbs 17:22).

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+ T+ MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18

submitted by The Rev. Judith Heinrich

I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ~John 13.15

The grass never sleeps.

Or the rose.

Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.

Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.

The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet, and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body, and heaven knows if it even sleeps.

Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did, maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move, maybe

the lake far away, where once he walked as on a blue pavement, lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not keep that vigil, how they must have wept, so utterly human, knowing this too

must be a part of the story.

~ Mary Oliver, "Gethsemane" in Thirst (Beacon, 2006), 45.

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+++ GOOD FRIDAY

PRAY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Father, I lay before You all my apprehensions. I ask You to go before me to make the crooked places straight and the rough places smooth. I pray that through the Holy Spirit, continue to provide me with resources, family, colleagues, friends and appointed angels to create opportunities for greater growth, connections and healthy resolution.

Bind the love and fellowship in hearts of my family, friends and all those whom I love and love me that through you, our relationships may continue to deepen and strengthen.

We make all these requests known unto You with thanksgiving, and the peace that passes all understanding shall guard our hearts and minds. You will keep us in perfect peace because our minds are fixed on You. We trust in You, Father, with all our hearts. We lean not unto our own understanding; but in all our ways we acknowledge You, and You shall direct our paths.

Thank You, Father, for Your forgiveness, your blessings and your unceasing love and grace.

Amen.



+ HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 20

PRAY FOR NIGHT

Night Prayer

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

what has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done;

let it be.

The night is dark.

let our fears of the darkness of the world and our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

let the quietness of your peace enfold us,

all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



~New Zealand Prayer Book



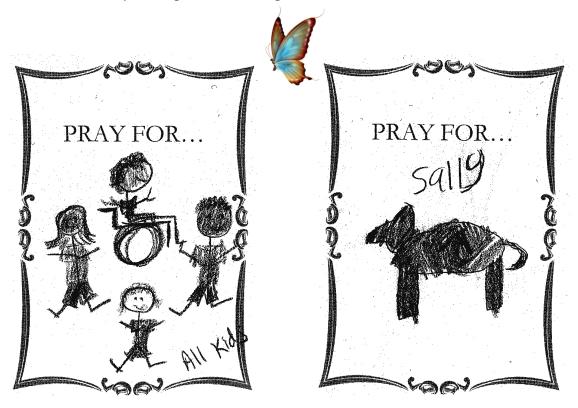
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+T+ EASTER DAY APRIL 21

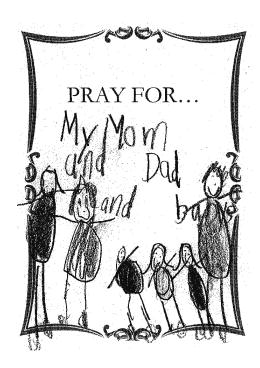
PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

submitted by Kim Curtis, Sunday School Director

Lord, We ask your blessings for our children whom we love and cherish. Protect us from harm and teach each of us kindness. Show us compassion. Guide our steps and we will follow the path of goodness and light forever more. Amen.











We invite you to

HOLY WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 17

6:30 p.m. Taizé Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Watch at the Altar of Repose, 7:30 p.m. through 12:00 p.m. Friday

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy followed by Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A Journey Through Holy Week An afternoon for children ages 3 years to 5th grade. Lunch included. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Mark's Church, Barrington Hills

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 20

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Followed by a festive reception in the Community Room

Easter Day, April 21

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Followed by festive receptions in the Community Room

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. (for ages 1 year to 5th grade)



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