

HOLY WEEK - FIRST FOUR DAYS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*We begin our celebration
with an invitation to remember
what happened on this very
special day.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts by
penance and charitable works.

Today we gather together to herald
with the whole Church the beginning of
the celebration of our Lord's Paschal
Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion
and Resurrection. For it was to
accomplish this mystery that he
entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate the Lord's entry
into the city for our salvation, following
in his footsteps, so that, being made
by his grace partakers of the cross, we
may have a share also in his
Resurrection and in his life.

The Blessing of Palms

Almighty and ever-living God, sanctify
these branches with your blessing, that
we, who follow Christ the King in
exultation, may reach the eternal
Jerusalem through him. Who lives and
reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.



Daily Lent Prayer

Loving God,
I am just beginning to realize how
much you love me.
Your son, Jesus was humble and
obedient.

He fulfilled your will for him by
becoming human and suffering with
us.

I ask you for the desire to become
more humble so that my own life might
also bear witness to you.

I want to use the small sufferings I
have in this world to give you glory.

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your
truth.

Strengthen my life by the example of
Jesus.

Help me to be with Jesus in this week
as he demonstrates again his total
love for me.

He died so that I would no longer be
separated from you.

Help me to feel how close you are and
to live in union with you.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Monday

Daily Lent Prayer

God of love,
My prayer is simple:
Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for
me.

I know only
that I cannot have real strength
unless I rely on you.

I cannot feel protected
from my many weaknesses
until I turn to you
for forgiveness and your unalterable
love.

Help me to share this
strength, protection and love with
others.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Tuesday

Daily Lent Prayer

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate"
the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other way
and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and
compassion
and to feel deeply
your own forgiveness and mercy for
me.

Help me to understand
how to "celebrate" this week.
I want be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections
with me
as I journey with Jesus this week,
so aware of his love.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Wednesday

Daily Lent Prayer

My Saviour,
do you invite me to share
in the glory of the resurrection?
Please stay with me
as I struggle to see
how accepting the crosses of my life
will free me from the power
of the one who wants only
to destroy my love and trust in you.
Help me to be humble and accepting
like your son, Jesus.
I want to turn to you
with the same trust he had in your
love.
Save me, Lord. Only you can save me.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

