

HOLY WEEK KIT 2020 FOR THE FAMILY & HOUSEHOLD

(IN THE LIGHT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

TO BE PRAYED AT A SPECIFIC TIME SCHEDULED BY THE FAMILY & HOUSEHOLD

STAY UNITED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST





"Now, you are the body of Christ and each one of you individually is a member of it. So God has appointed us in the Church. First apostles, second prophets, third teachers. Then comes miracles, then the gift of healing, material help, administration in the Church and the gift of tongues".

(1 Corinthians 12: 27-28)

A JOURNEY WITH THE DIVINE JESUS



Dear Lord Jesus,

As we immerse ourselves and walk closely with You on this journey of PASSION, DEATH and RESURRECTION this week, help us to spiritually unite ourselves with You through our concrete unity with one another here.

Help us to be a blessing to each other, in small but meaningful ways. Teach us, Lord Jesus, to be kind and gentle with our actions, charitable and nonjudgmental with our words, humble and forgiving in our thoughts, as we strive to be generous and patient with our love for one another.

May our unity with one another be our gift of love for You and an offering of hope and healing for the good of the whole world. AMEN







† In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen †

Together:

O Lord, as we gather for a time of thanksgiving in Your Name, we remember this special day when You instituted the Eucharist. Although we are unable to receive You sacramentally on this significant day, we ask You to be present with us in Spirit as we walk in humble prayer with You at this very moment.



A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me". In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me". Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

R> Thanks be to God



Antiphon: Where charity and love are found, there is God

1. The love of Christ has gathered us together as one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and love each other from the depths of our heart.

2. Therefore when we are together, let us take heed not to be divided in mind. Let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels, an end to strife, and in our midst be Christ our God.

3. And, in company with the blessed, may we see your face in glory, Christ our God, Pure and unbounded joy for ever and ever.



WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, LET US TAKE TURNS TO THANK GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

For Your humble and perfect love for us even when we were sinners... We love You, Jesus

For the precious gift of faith that we have been blessed with... We praise & thank you Lord

For the challenges we encounter each day that brings us closer to You... We are grateful Lord

For the gift of family and the gift of persons in our lives... We just praise & we thank you Lord

For Your Holy Presence in our midst at this very moment... We glorify You, Lord Jesus

For the future that is in Your Hands which we cannot see at present... We trust you, Father

For the gift of Your Spirit that continues to work in and through us... We praise you, Lord



FOR OFFENDING GOD AND ONE ANOTHER, LET US TAKE THIS MOMENT TO REPENT AND RETURN TO GOD, OUR FATHER

For not trusting You completely in times of trials, difficulties & doubts	We are sorry, Lord
For the times we have taken You for granted, neglecting our prayer life	We are sorry, Lord
For not being grateful enough to You for the daily blessings we receive	We are sorry, Lord
For the times we chose our own desires without discerning Your Will	We are sorry, Lord
For the times we failed to forgive the offences of one another	We are sorry, Lord
For the times we have not taken initiatives to be a gift of joy to others	We are sorry, Lord
For the times we chose negativity & failed to see the goodness in others	We are sorry, Lord
For these and for all the times we have offended You and one another	We are sorry, Lord



DEAR LORD, IN A SPECIAL WAY TODAY, WE REMEMBER ALL PRIESTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS WE PRAY FOR THEM



O Loving and Sweet Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests, for Your unfaithful and tepid priests, for Your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted & struggling priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your sick priests; for Your dying priests; for Your priests who just died due to COVID-19 for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.



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We also remember specially and lift up to You the priests who baptized us; the priests who absolved us from our sins; the priests who anointed us and prayed for us; the priests at whose Masses we received Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; all priests who taught us and gave us counsel; all the priests to whom we are grateful for;

We also ask for forgiveness for the times we have failed our priests through our words, our thoughts, our actions and our inactions.



DEAR LORD, IN A SPECIAL WAY TODAY, WE REMEMBER ALL PRIESTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS WE PRAY FOR THEM



Dear Mary, Mother of Jesus, protect them, guide them and keep them in your heart.
Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness.

Dear Mary, Mother of God, make all priests humble like you, and holy like Jesus.

We thank God for the vocation of priesthood as we commit to pray for them each day through your intercession. Amen.



THE PASSOVER MEAL WITH THE FAMILY & HOUSEHOLD

Passover is a festival of great rejoicing, which reveals how God "led us from captivity to freedom, from sadness to joy, from mourning to feasting, from servitude to redemption, from darkness to brilliant light."

(cf. Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14)

With all present, have a simple & joyous thanksgiving meal together, with a lighted candle in the center, thanking God for the sacredness of life

DURING THIS MEAL,
SHARE HOW YOU
ENCOUNTERED CHRIST
IN MANY LITTLE WAYS
THROUGH THE
EXPERIENCE OF
COVID-19

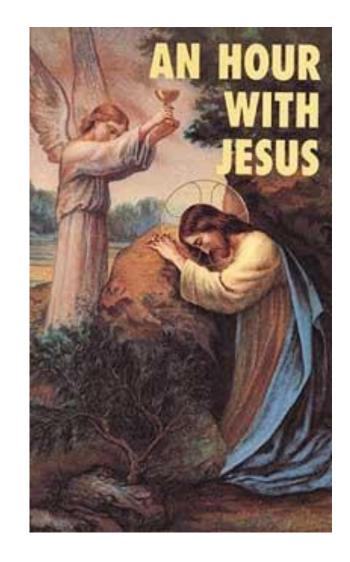


Dear Lord Jesus,

United with You in Spirit, we choose to dedicate this hour for You and with You

cf. Mt 26: 40-41

AN HOUR OF PERSONAL & QUIET TIME WITH THE LORD



Litany of Supplication

True God and true man, truly present in this Holy Sacrament Our Saviour, God-with-us, faithful and rich in mercy King and Lord of creation and history Victor over the Sin and Death

Friend of Man, risen and living at the right hand of the Father

We adore you, O Lord We adore you, O Lord

Only begotten Son the Father, descended from Heaven for our salvation

Heavenly Doctor, who bends over our misery Sacrificial Lamb, who offered yourself to redeem us from evil Good Shepherd, who gives life to the flock that you love Living Bread and medicine of immortality, who gives us eternal life We believe in you, O Lord We believe in you, O Lord

From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world
From pride and the presumption of being able to do without You
From the deceptions of fear and anguish
From unbelief and despair
From the hardness of heart and the inability to love

Free us, O Lord Free us, O Lord Free us, O Lord Free us, O Lord Free us, O Lord

From all the evils that afflict humanity
From hunger, famine and selfishness
From disease, epidemics and fear of the other
From devastating madness, ruthless interests and violence
From deception, misinformation and manipulation of consciences

Save us, O Lord Save us, O Lord Save us, O Lord Save us, O Lord Save us, O Lord

Look at your Church, as she crosses the desert
Look at humanity, terrified of fear and anguish
Look at the sick and dying, oppressed by loneliness
Look at the doctors and health workers, exhausted by fatigue
Look at the politicians and administrators,
who bear the weight of choices

Console us, O Lord Console us, O Lord Console us, O Lord Console us, O Lord

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In the hour of trial and confusion In temptation and fragility In the fight against evil and sin In the search for true good and true joy In the decision to remain in You and in Your friendship

Give us your Spirit, O Lord Give us your Spirit, O Lord

Prayed by millions of Catholics across the world on Friday 27 March 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, together with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. If Sin oppresses us
If hatred closes our hearts
If pain visits us
If indifference anguishes us
If death annihilates us

Open us to hope, O Lord Open us to hope, O Lord

