



Prayers for Holy Week

IN THE MIDST OF COVID - 19

PALM SUNDAY: Gracious God, You have heard the cries of your suffering people in this pandemic. You have sent Jesus Christ to us to be our loving redeemer. Open our eyes to see your immensity and depth of your love for us. Give us the courage to be your hands, your eyes and heart for those who are in pain especially during this pandemic. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today on this Palm Sunday and always. Amen.

HOLY MONDAY: Almighty Father, who sent your only son, Jesus Christ to save us from prejudice and fear. Show us how we can honor you, how we can bring glory to your name, by walking in the way and truth of Jesus. Give us your grace and strength during this COVID—19 pandemic, your guidance when we are not sure which way to go and your wisdom to trust you in all things even during this crisis. For your love brings us light and life to all who seek it. May we seek you evermore as we walk with you this Holy Monday and beyond. Amen.

HOLY TUESDAY: Heavenly and almighty Father, you sent your only son, Jesus Christ to live and to die for us - save us. For all wisdom, all strength and all glory lie in you alone. For you are our rock and our strength, and our shelter in the storm - in you, we place our trust - so that, we may have hope. Let us walk in your light all our days - seeking only you alone. We give you our life to love and serve you, following you in ALL that we do. Amen.

HOLY WEDNESDAY: Jesus, you suffered greatly for our benefit. You have walked the hard road through shame, betrayal, persecution and rejection. Yet, you only have desired good things for us. You came to offer us both light and life. Encourage us a hope in you that surpasses anything the world can offer. So, why do we too often turn our backs from truth? Why do we give into so many doubts and disbelief when the road gets hard? Why do we look for easier paths to follow? Lord, lead us in your way and encourage us to persevere the hard days, remembering the great hope we have in you, alone. Amen.

HOLY THURSDAY: Loving Father, Jesus Christ gave us the gift of his own body and blood that we might have food and his blood to sustain us. As we share the Eucharist of Jesus Christ—let us become Eucharist for one another. May our lives be blessed, broken, and given that your people may live. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our true and living bread.

GOOD FRIDAY: Christ Jesus, your love and mercy are made visible through the mystery of your death and resurrection. Make us one in you. Transform us into a people of compassion who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst. We ask this as a people reconciled to God through the blood of your Cross (+). Amen.

HOLY SATURDAY: Saving God, all creation awaits with groaning and longing for the salvation promised to our ancestors revealed in the resurrection of your son, Jesus. Teach us how to wait for the bursting forth of your saving power when all are in Christ Jesus. We wait in hope. O Lord God, we wait in the company of all the angels, martyrs and saints of heaven through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY: Jesus, we stand in “AWE” at the mystery of your passion, death and resurrection. We wonder in “AWE” at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of the earth receive the good news of your Gospel. As your people we ask on this HOLY EASTER—we ask God for the power to live the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation, “Hail, O light of Christ” — “Welcome, Risen Lord.” AMEN.

Pace e bene — Fr. David Fontaine, O. Carm, Pastor

David A. Fontaine O.C.M.

