

SEASONAL PRAYERS

Prayers for Passiontide

Let us make an act of confession.

Let us remember our share in the sin of the world which brought our Saviour to his death.

In us, as in Judas, there is treachery.

In us, as in the Pharisees, there is spiritual blindness.

In us, as in the chief priests, there is avarice.

In us, as in the mob that bellowed, Crucify him, there is fickleness.

In us, as in Pilate, there is self-preserving cynicism.

In us, as in Peter, there is craven-hearted falsehood.

In us, as in the executioners, there is calculated cruelty.

In us, as in the thieves, there is abusive bitterness.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Let us ask for God's help in our lives.

Grant, O God, that in us, as in Simon of Cyrene, there may be an acceptance of the cross for Jesus;

that in us, as in the penitent thief, there may be a lively acknowledgement of sin;

that in us, as in the centurion, there may be a reverence for our Lord in the sufferings he endured for us;

that in us, as in Joseph of Arimathea, there may be a devotion that is deep and enduring;

that in us, as in the women who came to the sepulchre with spices to embalm the body, there may be a love that is tender and true.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind; grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, always.

Amen

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was born of a human mother, for whom he cared even on the cross; enable us to honour and cherish all who love and care for us; join us with them in service to you within the fold of Mother Church; and bring us all, at last, to the bliss of the heavenly Jerusalem, the home and mother of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for ever.

Amen.

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