Monday of Holy Week



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.

Amen.

Tuesday of Holy Week



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 to be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections with me
as I journey with Jesus this week,
so aware of his love.

Amen.

Wednesday of Holy Week



My savior,
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.

Amen.

Thursday of Holy Week



Loving Provider,
you gather me in this upper room with
your son,
to be fed by your love.
At that supper, Jesus told us to "love one another"
and I know that is the heart of his gift,
his sacrifice for me.
I ask that I might find the source of my own heart,
the meaning for my own life,
in that Eucharist.
Guide me to the fullness of your love and life.

Amen.

Friday of Holy Week

My Lord,
your son has suffered so much, shed so much blood.
I was born with so many faults
and my nature is so full of weakness,
and yet your son Jesus has died on the cross.
For me.
I know your grace has the power
to cleanse me of my many sins
and to make me more like your Son.
Thank you for your goodness and love for me.
I ask you, Father, to watch over me - always.

Amen.

Saturday of Holy Week

My Lord,
On the Sabbath, Jesus rested.
He was in the grave.
He had finished his work.
To most people's eyes,
it looked as if it were all over.
He was dead and buried.
But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth,
not to decay, but to spring to new life.
Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid.
Teach us that death is not our end.
Teach us to hope always in you and in the resurrection,
making of all things new.

Amen.



Easter Sunday

Lord God,
You loved this world so much
that you gave your one and only Son,
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live
in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon your grace
and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
and tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray.

Amen.

