

Friday / April 22

Suffering Love

Scripture: Read Matthew 27:11-26

Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. -Luke 23:34

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Amazing, loving Father, you are worthy of all glory, honor and praise. You have suffered immensely for our sake. We accept your love and offer ourselves to be transformed by it. In Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer Focus: The family of God includes everyone for whom Jesus died.

Saturday / April 23

Mixed Motives

Scripture: Read Luke 7:1-7

[A centurion] sent some Jewish elders to [Jesus], asking him to come and heal his slave. -Luke 7:3

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: O God, help us to share in your work of bringing healing and salvation to the world. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Someone facing betrayal

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Sunday/ April 17

Palm Sunday

Sermon: What's Wrong With This Picture?

Rev. Albert Shuler

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon Notes:

Claiming Jesus as Lord is only the beginning of faith

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I confess that you are truly the Son of God. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those struggling to believe

Monday / April 18

Stay In Touch

Scripture: Read John 15:1-11

Jesus said, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

-John 15:4

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Loving God, help us keep in touch with you, the source of our spiritual life. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those who need to be refreshed by God

Wednesday / April 20

Roots of Bitterness

Scripture: Read Hebrews 12:14-15

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander; together with all malice. -Ephesians 4:31

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Dear Lord of the universe, thank you for your infinite love, peace, and forgiveness. Amen.

Prayer Focus: Those who harbor bitterness

Tuesday / April 19

The Spirit's Help

Scripture: Romans 8:18-30

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but [the Holy Spirit] intercedes with sighs too deep for words. -Romans 8:26

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: O Lord, when we do not know how to pray, help us to believe that the Holy Spirit is interceding for us and bringing our needs to you. Amen

Prayer Focus: Families facing tough decisions

Thursday / April 21

Humility

Scripture: Read John 13:1-17

Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. -John 13:14-15

Reflections:

What word, phrase or image caught my attention? _____

What does this passage teach me about God? _____

What difference will this make in my life? _____

Prayer: Thank you, God, for your all-inclusive love and for Jesus' humility as examples of how to relate to others. Amen.

Prayer Focus: For Christ-like humility