



## MARCH PRAYER 2024

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We began our walk through Lent, to reflect, to question, to self-examine, to engage in self-sacrifice...knowing that our walk will take us to the foot of Cross...and end with the amazing promise fulfilled...the Resurrection. May this prayer be your walk of remembrance of the sacrificial price paid by our Redeemer.

God of Lent...

as we each walk through these difficult and complex times...  
days of reflecting...of questioning...of self-examining...  
bringing each burden...concern...anxiety and fear to you...  
may you give us strength and courage to sustain us.

When lifelessness or sluggish takes over...

then stir us...shake us... move us out of our limp state...  
that may we walk in obedience and faith...and...  
our life be a mirror image of You.

Humble Servant...

You came riding on a donkey....  
moving from the peace of the countryside...  
to the streets and hallways of power...  
amid the waving of palm branches....  
shouts of "hosanna...save us"...  
from crowds lining the dusty road to Jerusalem...  
having misunderstood Your true purpose...  
as they honoured You as King.

We too walk this same road ...

though not always understanding...  
waving our own palm...branches...  
shouting our own "hosannas"...  
may we do so in faithfulness...  
as we lay down our hearts before You.

God of Grace...

as we draw near to the cross....  
we confess... like Peter...  
moments when we have...  
denied our relationship with You...  
by muzzling our own voice.



And we have stood with the condemning crowd of Good Friday...  
with our own thoughts, words and actions...crying...“crucify.”

Forgive us...shower us with Your love and grace.

Amazing Love

our road brings us to the pain and suffering of the cross...

Your Son Jesus...willing made this great sacrifice...

was lifted high upon the cross...

so...He might draw the whole world to Himself...

and...we could be set free.

Though His stripes have brought healing...

and by His wounds many made whole...

violence...conflict...intolerance continue to rage...

lives torn apart...

carrying visible and invisible scars and wounds...

while holding onto a thread of hope for peace.

Open all hearts...to the goodness of Good Friday...

that all Your people be filled with your love...

and powerful Spirit of Holiness...

for Easter Sunday is a coming

God of Easter...

our walk ends...

the wide gates of life are open....

the resounding Alleluias proclaimed...

the promise fulfilled...Alleluia;

the tomb is empty...Alleluia;

death has been defeated. Alleluia

Jesus is risen...

Yes...and again...

Jesus is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Amen.