

Prayer Focus 14 – 20 April 2025

Prayers for Holy Week

Welcome to Holy Week. This week, we take a pause from a normal rhythm of prayer as we journey towards the cross. Join with Salvationists around the world as we remember Christ's sacrifice, embrace his grace, and walk in the hope of his resurrection. You may want to use these written prayers:

- **Monday:** *Lord, as we begin this Holy Week, help us to walk in humility and obedience, just as You did. When challenges arise, give us the strength to trust in your plan and the grace to follow wherever you lead.*
- **Tuesday:** *Jesus, in a world full of distractions and temptations, open our hearts to your truth. Help us to recognise what is right, stand firm in faith, and boldly live as your disciples, even when it is difficult.*
- **Wednesday:** *Lord, cleanse our hearts of anything that betrays your love. Free us from selfishness, doubt, and fear, so that we may remain faithful to you in all circumstances.*
- **Maundy Thursday:** *Jesus, as you knelt to wash the feet of your disciples, you showed us that love is found in humility and service. Teach us to love as you love, to serve as you serve, and to give of ourselves generously to others.*
- **Good Friday:** *Lord, today we stand at the foot of your cross, overwhelmed by the depth of your sacrifice. Thank you for your boundless mercy and love —may our lives be a reflection of the grace you poured out for us.*
- **Holy Saturday:** *In the stillness of this day, when the world waited in silence, teach us to trust in you even when we cannot see the way forward. Fill us with patient hope as we await the joy of resurrection.*
- **Easter Sunday:** *Jesus, you are risen! Death is defeated, and love has triumphed! Fill our hearts with the joy of your resurrection and the power of your Spirit, that through our words and our actions, we may share the Good News with the world.*

Amen

Worldwide Prayer Meeting:

This Holy Week, we invite you to pray for our movement:

- Thank God for the incredible sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his glorious resurrection. Pray that our people will truly grasp the depth of Christ's love for them and the power of his victory over sin and death. Pray that this Easter will lead us to greater gratitude, sincere worship and deeper commitment to following Jesus in all areas of life.
- Pray for The Salvation Army to stay centred on Christ, so that all we do flows from his love. Ask God to help us reflect his heart to the world.
- Pray for our faith to be strengthened so we can stand firm and serve boldly. Ask God to help us trust him no matter what we face.
- Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our movement, that our people will experience deep spiritual renewal and be filled with fresh passion for mission.
- Pray for courage and boldness to share the message of Christ's love and resurrection, especially during this Easter season. Ask God to open hearts and prepare the way for people to receive the gospel. May we be empowered to witness fearlessly and compassionately, reaching those who need to hear the hope of salvation through Jesus with our words and actions.
- Pray for Easter campaigns, worship gatherings and outreach events that will take place all over the world this week. Pray for lasting fruit from these ministries as many are led to faith and renewed in their walk with God. May his presence be evident in every gathering, and may the love of Jesus be shared with those in need of hope.
- Pray for The Salvation Army to be a light in dark places. Ask Jesus to use us to bring the message of hope, justice, and salvation to all.
- Pray for people living in places of war and conflict, that they may know God's peace and love for them. Ask God to bring healing, justice, and an end to violence.