

Title: Family at Prayer in Holy Week

Opening Prayer

Leader:

As we begin this prayer time with our family, we thank you Jesus for all the blessings you give us each day; we thank you for looking after us at this very stressful and challenging time. We ask you to be with us in the days and months ahead and guide us to make good healthy decisions.

Reader 1

As we travel with Jesus through Holy Week, we place our worries about families and friends and our fears concerning the Coronavirus into His loving hands.

Pause

Reader 2

We thank Jesus for the sacrifice he made for us and for giving us the gift of eternal life. We place our faith in Jesus as we reflect on the events of this very special week of the year. *Pause*

Reader 3

We thank God for what is good in our lives. *Pause*

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We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not reflected Jesus in our lives.
Pause

Leader:

Gospel Reading:

John 19:27-27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so, he said to his mother, "Here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is your mother." From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

Prayers of Intercession:

Reader 1

We pray today for all those who have the Corona virus. We remember Veronica and how she helped Jesus, and we pray that we too may respond to the needs of others.

We pray to the Lord **R:** *Lord hear our prayer*

Reader 2

Simon of Cyrene, used his strength to carry the cross of Jesus. Today, in the midst of this Corona virus we pray for the Simon's of today - the doctors, nurses and all the key workers who give of their time and skills to help bring others back to good health. Fill them with your love.

We pray to the Lord. **R:** *Lord hear our prayer*

Reader 3

Pope Francis in his recent Urbi et Orbi address asked us to have faith because God's strength lies in 'turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God's life never dies. We pray that we may have faith in Jesus to look after our every need.

We pray to the Lord **R:** *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader: Let us pray **together** the prayer that Jesus himself taught us

Our Father ...

Concluding Prayer

Lord, make your presence known in each individual heart here present. Help us to grow closer to you and to each other as one family in Jesus.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord Amen