

Good Friday Prayer Service

Set Up

- Add to your prayer table items a crucifix or cross. If you do not have one, collect twigs from outside and tie them together to make a cross.
- Have [reflective music](#) ready to play.



Opening Prayer

Leader: (*Light the candle.*) Let us begin our prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, you know we fall short and choose sin over following Jesus. Thank you for the gift of your son, who took our punishment on the cross and saved us from being separated from you. Be merciful to us, Lord, when we fail. Give us the strength to get up when we fall, and turn back to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Veneration of the Cross

(*Begin to play the reflective music.*)

Leader: Each year on Good Friday, we venerate the cross as a way to remind us of the great sacrifice, Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. This year, because of COVID, we are unable to do this at church, so we will do it at home instead. Each of us will take a turn holding the crucifix/cross. When you are holding the crucifix/cross it is your time to talk to Jesus, confess your sins, thank him for his sacrifice, ask him to help you avoid sin in the future, etc. You can do this silently in your heart or aloud. While each person is holding the cross and speaking with Jesus, the rest of the family should remain silent.

(*Once everyone has taken his/her turn, place the crucifix/cross on the prayer table.*)

Leader: Let us end our prayer time together by praying the words Jesus taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven...