

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Abril 10

Family Prayer

1. Introduction

The guide says:

On this Holy Friday the Church fasts and keeps abstinence. Today is the day Jesus, the Lord, dies on the cross. We will join Jesus on his last moments before dying. Later, in silence we will contemplate His Cross as an expression of his surrender, and we will admire the love He has by giving his life for the salvation for humankind.

2. Contemplative

The guide says:

Now let us prepare for the contemplation of the Cross which is the center of our prayer and let us give thanks to God for the love His Son manifested by surrendering his life on the Cross.

The Crucifix is placed on the altar

(At this moment all family kneels before the Crucifix and keeps prolonged silence. If someone cannot kneel, bow your head. **You may place 2 candles, sprinkle some perfume. Do not put flowers because it is not yet Easter and due to the pandemic, it cannot be kissed).**

3. Word of the Lord:

The guide says:

The Passion according to John will help to introduce ourselves in the mystery of his death for love. Let us attentively contemplate with willing hearts.

A lector proclaims the story of the Passion and say:

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John 18:1-19, 42

After the reading of the Passion the lector says: The Word of the Lord and **All respond:** Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

The guide says:

In the silence of our hearts let's meditate the Word of God.

A moment of silence is kept.

We respond to the following questions

Why did Jesus die on the Cross? God makes himself small to the point of dying on the cross for the love of humanity, how can we follow His example? At this time of great need how can we help the suffering and those who don't have what is necessary to lead a productive and happy life? How can I help Christ to take the cross at this time of illness and pain?

4. Hymn

A song or hymn can be intoned to the Cross of Christ:

5. Universal Prayer

The guide says:

Today our plenary takes a more solemn tone and wants to reach and take everyone towards the salvation that is born from the life surrendered by Jesus on the cross. After every intention, you will respond: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.

- **The guide says:** Keep the unity of the Church.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Protect Pope Francis
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Sanctify through your Spirit the bishops, presbyters, deacons and all your holy people.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Increase the faith and wisdom of the catechumens
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Gather Christians into unity
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Grant Israel to achieve the fullness of redemption
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Illuminate with your grace those who don't believe in Christ.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Grant that those who do not believe in God come to discover the love through the works of creation.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Guide the thoughts and decisions of government officials.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Grant your comfort to those who feel sad and are suffering.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Heal the whole world of the illness of this pandemic.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.
- **The guide says:** Grant your pardon to all the deceased.
All: Through the death of your Son, hear us O Lord.

The guide says:

Faithful to the words of Jesus our Savior, and following his divine teaching, we pray:

Our Father...

6. Commemoration to Our Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross.

The guide says:

Let us accompany Mary in her painful encounter with her Son at the Cross.

The lector reads:

- **The pious Mother was next to the Cross, she cried while her Son hung; whose sad and weeping soul, pierced and in pain, a fierce dagger had.**
- **Oh, sad and afflicted the wounded Mother was, filled with so many torments, when she sadly contemplated and painfully looked at the beloved Son's grief!**
- **What person would not cry if they contemplated the Mother of Jesus in such pain? And who would not be saddened, pious Mother, if they saw you subjected to such rigor?**
- **For the sins of the world, she saw Jesus in such profound torment as a sweet Mother. She saw the beloved Son die who surrendered his spirit helplessly to his Father.**
- **Oh, sweet fountain of love! Make me feel your pain so that I join your cry. And through my beloved Christ, may my burning heart live more in Him than in me.**

Conclusion:

The guide says:

Let us conclude our prayer and keep today and tomorrow in this time of silence and prayer while we wait for Sunday in which we commemorate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

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