

THE CAMEL ALLEN CHURCHES

A PRAYER A DAY IN HOLY WEEK

Take a quiet moment each day to pray, reflect and listen to God

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*God loves us with a never-stopping, never-giving-up,
unbreaking, always and forever love.*

PALM SUNDAY 28TH MARCH - John 12.12-19

O God, give us undivided hearts
to love you and one another,
and go on loving,
through insult and praise,
through acceptance and rejection,
in the sure knowledge that you are Lord.
Susan Sayers



MONDAY 29TH MARCH - John 12.20-26

You asked for my hands
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment and then withdrew them
for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes,
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,
only when it is convenient to do so,
only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father forgive me, renew me,
send me out
as a usable instrument
that I might take seriously
the meaning of your cross.

Jo Seremane of South Africa, from 'Prayers Encircling the World'

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH - John 12.27-43

With broken hopes and broken promises,
we come to you, Lord.
With broken relationships and broken hearts,
we come to you, Lord.
With the broken in body and the broken in mind,
we come to you, Lord.
With the broken in spirit and the despairing,
we come to you, Lord,
for you alone can make us whole.

David Adam in 'The Rhythm of Life', adapted



WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH – John 12.44-50

Lord you are

Grace for our needs
Strength for our weakness
Light for our blindness
Love for our loneliness
Word for our deafness
Joy for our weariness
Peace for our anxiousness
Wonder for our dullness
Saviour for our hopelessness

Lord you are

Grace for our needs.

David Adam in 'Tides and Seasons'

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1 APRIL - John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Psalm 51.10-11



GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL - John 18.1-19.37

Holy One,
Shock and save me with the terrible goodness of this Friday,
and drive me deep into my longing for your kingdom....
the sense of your presence
and the realization of your promise
that nothing in life or death

will be able to separate us
from your love
in the crucifies one who is our Lord,
and in whose name and Spirit I pray.

Ted Loder in Guerrillas of Grace (excerpts)

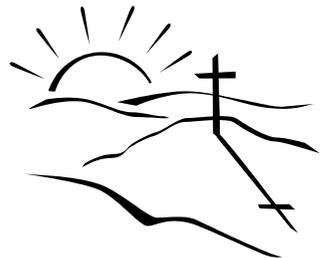


HOLY SATURDAY 3RD APRIL - John 19.38-42;

O Lord,
buried in the deep dark, cold, silence of the cave,
may I know in my bones
that you know me by name,
that you hold me in your hand
that you call me forth to breathe and live and work
to your praise and glory.

EASTER SUNDAY 4TH APRIL - John 20. 1-23

Your light pierces our darkness,
your truth makes us whole,
your love bursts into our lives,
your joy fills our needy souls,
because we know you are alive.
Jesus, Lord,
you are alive!



from a prayer by Pamela Wilding of Kenya in 'Prayers Encircling the World'