

PRAY EVERY DAY April 10, 2022 Resource

*Household Prayer: Morning**

God, as I enter into this new day, I ask that you keep me mindful of the profound nature of Holy Week. Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world, mindful that he was obedient to you, even to the cross. Amen.

Take 60 seconds to pray Luke 23:42 in word or song

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2022 Challenge (One Year Bible Reading Plan)

You may find this plan on the Virginia Annual Conference website <https://vaumc.org> or pick up a copy at KUMC.

The Bible in a Year with KUMC

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at anytime.

Small Group or personal study

- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- Read Luke 23:32-43
- Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (v 34). In

his *Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament* John Wesley wrote, "While they are actually nailing him to the cross, he seems to feel the injury they did to their own souls, more than the wounds they gave him; and, as it were, to forget his own anguish out of a concern for their own salvation." Jesus has a "readiness to forgive" so much so that he prays for the forgiveness of those who are actively bringing him suffering. What does this say about the forgiveness of God?

- What implications are there for us for a "readiness to forgive" in Jesus?

The leaders, soldiers, and one of the criminals asked Jesus to save himself from crucifixion to prove he was Christ, chosen, or king. They did not understand that Jesus had come to save others and give his life for sinners, so they did not understand the kind of king Jesus is. What does Jesus' cross, suffering, rejection, being misunderstood, giving his life for others, and his resurrection say about the kind of messiah he is?

- One of the criminals being crucified put faith in Jesus and said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v 42). Make that your own prayer of faith today. Take 60 seconds to pray that prayer in word or song right now. After praying, reflect on what praying that prayer was like for you.

- Jesus answered the criminal who had faith, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (v 43). That is one of several "today" statements in Luke's gospel. Look up the others and reflect on what kinds of things are possible "today" when Jesus is around: Luke 2:10-11; 4:18-21; 5:24-26; 13:32-33; 19:5, 9-10; 22:34, 61; 23:43.

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

*Household Prayer: Evening**

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. If I remembered today my betrayals of you, remind me now of your steadfast love for me, as I give this day into your hands and rest in peace. Amen.

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