



PRAYER GUIDE

Sundays-March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thank God for providing a plan for our redemption...for the sacrifice His son made, recognizing the pain He felt so we could be reconciled to Him.

Mondays- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Pray for individual and church-wide boldness to reach out to family, friends, co-workers and beyond and invite them to church.

Tuesdays-March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Pray for those that will be in service with us that do not yet know Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit will begin to draw their hearts to Him.

Wednesdays-March 4, 11, 18, 25

Pray for the pastors, staff and teams as they plan and prepare for the season.

Thursdays-March 5, 12, 19, 26

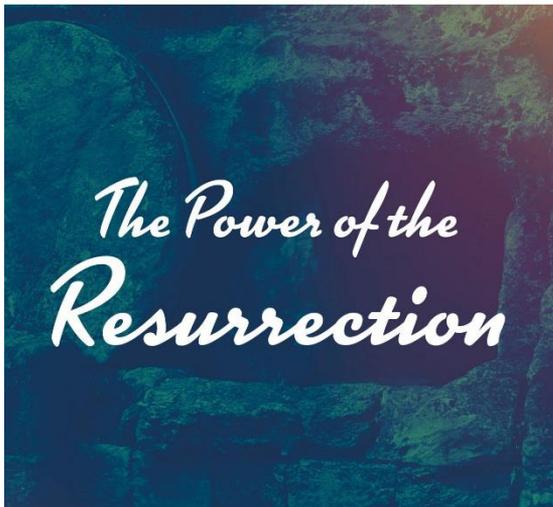
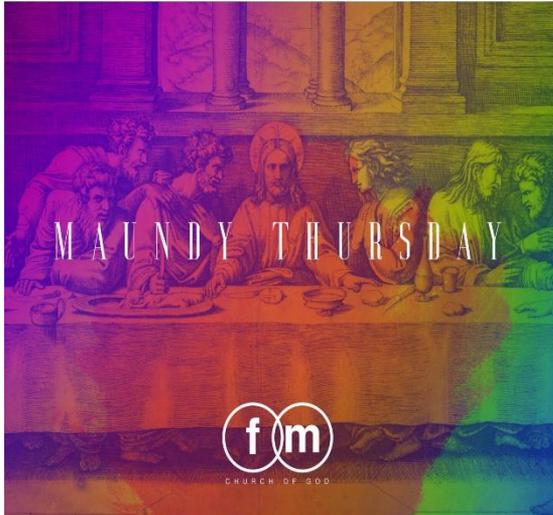
Pray for families that will go through the season for the first time without a loved one. Pray for comfort and strength.

Fridays-March 6, 13, 20, 27

Pray for the country, that this season will be more than a break or an egg hunt, but that the country will hear the truth of who Jesus is.

Saturdays-March 7, 14, 21, 28

Pray for the service tomorrow, that hearts will be receptive to what God would have us hear.



Holy Week Reflection

Palm Sunday | Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday

On the first day of the week, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zechariah 9:9). Throngs welcome Him with the words of Psalm 118:25-26, heralding Him as the Messiah, the coming King of Israel. Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:1-11

Monday | Jesus Clears the Temple

Jesus returns to the Temple to find it full of traders and moneychangers. Saying they have changed a 'house of prayer' into a 'den of robbers', He angrily drives them out. Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48; John 12:1-11

Tuesday | Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives

Jesus teaches in the Temple, where the Pharisees dispute His authority. Later, He leads the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane and delivers what has become known as the Olivet Discourse, the last of five great discourses recorded in Matthew's gospel. Judas conspires to betray Jesus. Matthew 21:23-25; Mark 11:27-13;37; Luke 20:1-21;36; John 12:37-50

Wednesday | Holy Wednesday

Thought to be a day of rest. Matthew 26:1-5; John 13:21-35

Thursday | Passover and Last Supper on Maundy Thursday

In an upper room, Jesus prepares both Himself and His disciples for His death. As Paul described it, the Messiah takes on 'the very nature of a servant' by washing the disciples' feet. He uses this simple last supper to give the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represent His body, soon to be sacrificed and His blood, soon to be shed. With this He institutes the Eucharist using the words we still use today. Jesus instructs the disciples, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' In Latin, this is *mandatum* (root of the word *mandate*), hence *Maundy Thursday*. Jesus then again leads the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane and asks them to wait ('to keep watch') while He prays. In agony as He confronts His impending death, He prays 'for the sin of the world' and we glimpse the Son of God at His most human as He begs his father to 'take this cup from me'. Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13, 14, 15 & 16

Good Friday | Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial

Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus bears His cross to Golgotha (The Place of the Skull) for death by crucifixion with two other prisoners. Jesus' body is laid in the tomb before 6:00 p.m. when the Sabbath begins and all work stops. It lies in the tomb throughout the Sabbath. Why Good Friday? Probably to show that Christ's death has finally liberated us from sin. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, it is known as 'Great Friday', in Israel 'Big Friday' and in Germany 'Friday of Lamentation'. Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37

Sunday | Easter Sunday

Early in the morning, women go to the tomb and find that the stone at the entrance has been rolled away. An angel tells them that Jesus is alive and gives them a message. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and later that day to all the disciples, except Thomas. Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24: 1-49; John 20