

# TEACH US TO Pray

## An Order of Worship for the Home

Good Friday  
April 2, 2021

*This service is written for two speakers. Ideally, family members can speak and declare God's grace to one another following this format. For those who live alone, this worship outline can be followed with a brother or sister in Christ over the phone. You may call on a friend to fill this role, or your elder or pastor can worship with you by phone.*

*There is an "offering prayer" included in this outline. As we continue our Covid adjustments related to gathering, please continue to worship through giving. You can mail offering envelopes and checks to Calvary or visit [www.calvaryslz.org](http://www.calvaryslz.org) to give online.*

### **Galatians 1:4-5**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Invocation**

Reader 1: We invite you, Father,

Reader 2: Teach us to pray.

Reader 1: We ask you, Jesus,

Reader 2: Teach us to pray.

Reader 1: We desire your presence, Holy Spirit,

Reader 2: Teach us to pray.

Reader 1: We need you, God...

Reader 2: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Reader 1: Teach us to pray.

Together: Amen.

## Psalm 31:1-2

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!  
<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

## Confession & Absolution

*Make sure each person present has opportunity to confess to a brother or sister in faith. Go through both parts as many times as needed to accommodate all who are gathered.*

Christian Confessing: My prayers are weak and faltering. My thoughts waver and my words wander. Some days I enter prayer oblivious to my own sin and the holiness of the God I approach. Other days, I struggle to pray on account of the guilt I feel. I fail in the action of prayer. I fail in the attitude of prayer. My struggles in prayer reflect my struggles in all of life. I need forgiveness. I need faith. I need a Savior.

Christian Responding: Know for certain, that your God loves you. He meets your weak prayers with his strength. He meets your faltering prayers with the certainty of his promises. Jesus is your Savior, and he grants you forgiveness. He sends his Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith. He invites you to pray to your Father in confidence. Your heavenly Father gives good gifts to his children. You are his child, and his gifts are yours.

Together: Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition (Luther's Small Catechism)

### But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### Genesis 3:1-19

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock

and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

### **Mark 15:33-39**

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup> And someone

ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

## Message

### Bigger Than We Imagine

What is evil? What do you think of when you hear the word evil?

- Is carjacking evil? Somebody taking your car at gunpoint sounds pretty evil. I've never had that happen, but I did have my car window smashed and the stereo stolen while I slept. Is that evil too?
- Is cancer evil? How about the coronavirus? How about a really bad cold? What about allergies, are they evil?
- Is politics evil? Are politicians evil? Or is there just one party you'd like to label as evil?
- The Holocaust is universally decried as evil. We would agree that the shooting in Boulder, CO last week was evil as well. Does that mean death is evil? Or just certain circumstances surrounding death? Is it evil to die peacefully in your sleep?
- Child abuse is evil. What about unaccompanied minors at our southern border? Are the circumstances bringing them here evil? Are the circumstances they've encountered on arrival evil?
- Racism is evil. Sexism is evil. Degrading others is evil. Are my sarcastic jokes evil as well?

From which of these do we desire deliverance? Which of these are the evils referenced when we pray "deliver us from evil"?

I hope my questions got you thinking, but our prayer is, in all actuality, bigger than any of these. The prayer "deliver us from evil" is a bigger request than we sometimes think.

The words of Jesus at the end of this line in the Lord's Prayer are τοῦ πονηροῦ. The second of those Greek words, πονηροῦ, is evil. The first word in that pair translates as "the." Deliver us from *the* evil, not some generalized sense of evil, but *the* evil.

Think about it this way. It's similar to the difference between asking you to name *a* president of the United States, and asking you to name *the* President of the United States. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we're asking to be delivered from *the* evil. In other words, we're asking for deliverance from *the evil one*.

Satan is real, and he is really dangerous. He desired to hurt God, but that was beyond his power. Instead, he opted to hurt God's creation. Human beings are the crown of that creation, so Satan levied his attack on us. We read about the start of this attack earlier in the Genesis account.

Satan's approach was to change us. He would make us unclean and thus appalling before God's purity. He would make us unholy before the Holy One of heaven. He would separate us from our heavenly Father and drive us from his presence.

That is still the plan of the evil one. That's the evil we pray to be delivered from.

On March 20, 1981 Tim McCarthy lost a coin flip. It was his day off, but the secret service needed additional staffing, so he and a fellow agent flipped a coin to see who would go back to work. Agent McCarthy lost the toss, and he nearly lost his life. That was the day John Hinckley Junior opened fire on President Reagan. Another agent pushed the president into his limousine, while agent McCarthy stepped between the President and the gunman. Tim McCarthy made his body as wide as possible in order to shield the president. Tim McCarthy was willing to take the bullet because he saw protection of the Presidency as worth his own life. President Reagan survived after being hit by one shot which ricocheted off his limousine door. Agent McCarthy was shot in his lower abdomen and survived as well.

Hinckley had the president in his sights, but McCarthy was willing to step into the line of fire even at the potential cost of his own life. The evil one had you in his sights. You were his target. Jesus made himself your shield. He stepped into the line of fire, and he knew it would cost him his life. The attack meant for you landed squarely on him.

## **Deliver us from the evil one.**

The answer to this prayer is found at the cross. Your God saw you as worth his own life.

We gather today in response to Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. We will hear his words from the cross. We will listen to Psalm 22, that prayer of David's which finds fulfillment in Jesus. We will find here the deliverance for which we pray.

Deliver us from evil. Deliver us from the evil one.

This is a bigger request than we sometimes think. The answer from our God is a bigger gift than we often imagine. Amen.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Offering Prayer**

*If you have an offering present as you worship, you may place your hands over it during the offering prayer.*

Reader 1: With thankful hearts we receive from you, O Lord.

Reader 2: With thankful hearts we respond.

Reader 1: Receive our thanks and praise.

Reader 2: Receive our offerings.

Together: Receive us as your own. Amen.

## The Seven Last Words of Christ

*This arrangement follows the traditional order of the seven last words of Jesus from the cross, coupled with readings from Psalm 22 and verses from appropriate hymns. Read Jesus' words. Reflect on them in light of the psalm. Then, use the selected hymns to guide your prayer and meditation as you thank God for Jesus this Good Friday.*

*In our worship at Calvary, we will extinguish candles and darken the room during this sequence. Those notes are included here as well. (Please note, if you bring this resource to worship at Calvary the hymns will differ.)*

### First Word - Luke 23:34

***"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."***

#### Psalm 22:1-5

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

#### Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

Jesus, in your dying woes, even while your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon for your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue when our sins your pangs renew,  
For we know not what to do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

*The first candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

## Second Word – Luke 23:43

***“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”***

### **Psalm 22:6–8**

<sup>6</sup>*But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.*

<sup>7</sup>*All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;*

<sup>8</sup>*“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”*

### **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

*The second candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

## Third Word – John 19:26–27

***“Woman, behold, your son! . . . Behold, your mother!”***

### **Psalm 22:9–11**

<sup>9</sup>*Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.*

<sup>10</sup>*On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.*

<sup>11</sup>*Be not far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.*

### **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss, till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Be thou my consolation, my shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold thee, upon thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

*The third candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

### **Fourth Word – Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34**

***“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”***

#### **Psalm 22:1, 12–13**

*<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

*Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning. . .*

*<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me;*

*strong bulls of Bashan surround me;*

*<sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me,*

*like a ravening and roaring lion.*

### **O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken**

O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime has thou to make confession, what dark transgression?  
What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;  
The master pays the debt his servants owe him. Who would not know him?

*The fourth candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

## **Fifth Word – John 19:28**

***“I thirst.”***

### **Psalm 22:14-18**

*<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup> For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.*

### **Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that justice gave.

*The fifth candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

## Sixth Word – John 19:30

***“It is finished.”***

### **Psalm 22:19–21**

*<sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, do not be far off!*

*O you my help, come quickly to my aid!*

*<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,*

*my precious life from the power of the dog!*

*<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!*

*You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!*

### **O Perfect Life of Love**

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,

All that he left his throne above to do for us below.

No work is left undone of all the Father willed;

His toil, his sorrows, one by one, the scriptures have fulfilled.

*The sixth candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

## Seventh Word – Luke 23:46

***“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”***

### **Psalm 22:22–31**

*<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers;*

*in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:*

*<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!*

*All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,*

*and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!*

*<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred*

*the affliction of the afflicted,*

*and he has not hidden his face from him,*

*but has heard, when he cried to him.*

*<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;*

*my vows I will perform before those who fear him.*

*<sup>26</sup> The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;*

*those who seek him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!*

*<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.*

*<sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.*

*<sup>29</sup> All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.*

*<sup>30</sup> Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;*

*<sup>31</sup> they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.*

### **Christ, the Life of All the Living**

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ the death of death our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

*The seventh candle is extinguished. The light diminishes.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Christ Candle

### Dead

*The Christ candle is extinguished. We are in darkness. We remember that Christ, the Light of the World, died on the cross.*

### Buried

*A loud noise symbolizes the crash of a large stone set to block the entry of Christ's tomb. This is traditionally called the strepitus (Latin for a loud noise).*

### Waiting

*The extinguished Christ candle now rests, as did the dead body of our Lord.*

## Parting

*We leave worship in darkness, silence, and meditation, awaiting the light and joy of Easter morning.*

*As applicable, please share this resource with others who would benefit. An electronic version is available at [www.calvaryslz.org](http://www.calvaryslz.org). We can also add friends to our mailing list if that is preferred.*

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