

HOLY WEEK

prayer vigil



Praise (5 minutes)

Take a few minutes with each passage, praising God for the truths you find:

- Hebrews 2:9-10
- Isaiah 43:10
- Isaiah 44:6

Confession (5 minutes)

Ask the Holy Spirit to search you and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to Your Father and thank Him for His love and forgiveness.

- Deuteronomy 8:5

Reflection Passages for Holy Week (5 minutes each)

John 12:12-19

- Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem to die.
- He knew His purpose: to give Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Give Him thanks for His sacrifice! (Hebrews 9:22).
- "Hosanna" means to save. Thank God for your salvation! (John 5:24).
- Read again John 12:16 and pray for wisdom to understand God's ways in your life.

Matthew 26:17-29

- Jesus loved His friends and all of His disciples (you included!) so much that He was willing to die for them.
- Pray that you are willing to give up your life for God as well as your friends, family, and even your enemies! (Romans 5:7-8).
- Praise God that He has chosen us to never ultimately betray Him as Judas did. (Ephesians 1:4).

Mark 15:21-37

- Thank Jesus He did not come down from the cross but completed His sacrificial work that you would be saved!
- Thank Jesus that because He was forsaken by His Father (because of our sins) we will never be forsaken or alone. (Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 41:10)

Psalms 118:17-23

- This marks the day of Jesus in the tomb before His resurrection; it is like a funeral day after Jesus' death: a day of mourning.
- Praise God for your own brokenness and suffering that has led you to Him.
- Take 2 minutes to be silent before a Holy God (Psalm 46:10)
- "Let all mortal flesh keep silent and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ, our God, to earth descending, comes our homage to command."

John 20:1-18

- Praise God, He knows you by name!
- Praise God, the Lord is alive!
- "Indeed, taking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no historic incident better proven than the resurrection of Christ!" (Brooke Foss Westcott, English Bishop, Scholar, & Historian)

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Prayer for MPC (10 Minutes)

Reflect on these Scriptures concerning the Christian Church and pray them over MPC: Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 6:10-20, Matthew 18:20, Matthew 21:12-14, Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 & 25-31; James 5:14-15; Acts 2:42

- Pray for the protection of the armor of God over the pastors, elders, deacons, and staff.
- Pray for deepening growth, conversions, and outreach.
- Pray that MPC would be a House of Prayer.
- Pray that MPC would be a church that Loves People, Knows Jesus, Lives Transformed.
- Choose a mission partner and pray for them.
- Pray for anointed leadership, for unity, for maturity, for fellowship, for sacrificial giving, for miracles, etc.

Prayer for Personal, Church, and Community Revival (10 minutes)

Psalms 85; Proverbs 14:35. What is revival? It is an increased awareness of God's presence, a deep conviction and repentance of sin, and a personal and societal transformation into increased godliness and justice.

- Pray for a deep conviction of sin, followed by repentance and reconciliation
- Pray for a hunger and thirst for God for yourself, family, friends, and MPC
- Pray for a deep work of the Holy Spirit in each life
- Pray for ongoing transformation of self and others to be more like Jesus
- Pray for holiness of life with no tolerance for individual sin
- Pray for an increase of individual prayer as well as prayer throughout the church (Eph 6:18)
- Pray against a religious spirit of judgement and man-made religion (Luke 12:1; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- Pray for the lasting fruit that results from real revival (John 15:6)
- Pray for the members and visitors of MPC to have a testimony to share of their faith. (Psalm 96:2-3)
- Pray that many would come to Christ through the ministry of MPC (Philemon 1:6)

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Reflect on and pray over these Scriptures in closing:

- Psalm 27:13-14
- Psalm 33:20-22

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." —Oswald Chambers

