

**Six Hours – One Passion**  
*Hungering for God on Good Friday*

# **WORSHIP GUIDE**



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## Introduction

A virus spreading. A million people infected. Tens of thousands of deaths, with hundreds of thousands more expected. Economies reeling. Unemployment soaring. Schools and businesses shutting down. Social distancing. Quarantines. And churches restructuring how they do ministry because they cannot gather physically. What's it all have to do with Good Friday? Absolutely everything.

In those six hours Jesus spent on the cross, He saw it all. And He saved it all. He reconciled it all and He redeemed it all (Colossians 1:20). And He provided everything we would need in the midst of it all. After all, "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also graciously give us all things" (Romans 8:32). And He made possible a better life during it all and an eternal life after it all. Six hours – one passion: to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18).

And so, let's come to God. Let's pursue Him for six hours, just as He pursued us and finished His race (Hebrews 12:1-3). We wouldn't be the first to do it. In Nehemiah's day, as God's people returned to the promised land and began hearing the Word of God like never before, they were moved to seek God passionately. On one day, for three hours they listened to the Word, and for three hours they confessed their sin and worshipped (Nehemiah 9:1-3).

Why not us? What difference might it make? Might God, our Living God, as He did in the days of Joel, "turn and relent and leave a blessing?" (Joel 2:14). As Joel says, "Who knows"? Let's find out. It can't hurt to ask. It can hurt if we don't.

In these pages you will find a guide for how to invest six hours on Good Friday. Try investing as much as possible, but don't worry about doing something wrong or missing out on something. It's not about us doing everything so much as about us being available to be with God. The activities are simply provided to help facilitate your relating with God during this time.

We are in this together. But most importantly, the Lord is in this with us. Indeed, in these times, He does some of His best work to move us to rely on Him!

*We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead...*

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

# Schedule



## Six Hours – One Passion

Each one-hour block of time will begin with a time of teaching from the Word. Then, some verses for meditation and some prayer points will be shown on the screen. Additionally, in this guide activities will be suggested to help you and your family encounter God.

	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Topic &amp; Text</b>	<b>Prayer Points</b>	<b>Features</b>
<b>3:00</b>	Lonnie Harris (Forcey Bible Church)	The Cross and God's Grace Colossians 2:13-15	PRAISE – Our Father who is in heaven, holy is your name	Banners of Praise
<b>4:00</b>	Matt Klingler (The Well Community Church)	The Cross and God's Example Philippians 2:1-11	GOSPEL PROCLAMATION - Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven	Neighborhood prayer walk and gospel opportunities
<b>5:00</b>	Zeke Wharton (Inspiration Community Church)	The Cross and God's Love Romans 5:6-8	PROVISION – Give us this day our daily bread	Resurrection Egg Hunt for kids
<b>6:00</b>	Joel St Clair (Mosaic Church)	The Cross and God's Peace Colossians 1:19-20	CONFESSION – And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us	Focused time of confession
<b>7:00</b>	Dennis Karp (Chosen People Ministries)	Messiah in the Passover (Seder Presentation)	(This hour will focus on the presentation and communion.)	Communion together
<b>8:00</b>	Michael Foster (Forcey Bible Church)	The Cross and God's Strength Hebrews 12:1-3	PROTECTION – And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...	Worship together

# Hour ONE



## Teaching – The Cross and God’s Grace

**Colossians 1:13-15** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Notes on Message:

## Scriptures for further meditation:

**Ephesians 2:1-10** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**Titus 3:3-8** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

**Luke 23:32-43** Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” <sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

### **Prayer Point: PRAISE**

We will develop our prayer points where Jesus teaches His disciples to pray in Matthew 6 (often known as “The Lord’s Prayer”). In this hour, we focus on PRAISE!

### **Our Father in heaven, holy is your name!**

- Take some time and praise God for who He is...
  - Thank you Lord that you are MERCIFUL.
  - Thank you Lord that you are JUST.
  - Thank you Lord that you are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Consider reading Psalm 86 to help in this act of praise!
  
- Take some time and praise God for what He has done...
  - Thank you Lord that you have saved me.
  - Thank you Lord that you have helped me through \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Thank you Lord that you have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Consider reading Psalm 136 to help in this act of praise!

### **Songs for Reflection:**

- Goodness of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f4MUUMWMV4>
- Great is Thy Faithfulness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQ1oa144wU>

### **Family Activity Suggestions:**

- Banner of Praise – Using a sheet of poster board or large sheet of paper, write “We Praise the Lord” in large black letters. Then, encourage family members to each write several specific praises in color. Display the banner for all to see and remember to praise the Lord!
- Sidewalk Praise – Using sidewalk chalk, declare some praises together as a family on your driveway or sidewalk outside. Be as colorful and as creative as possible! What a witness it could be to your neighborhood of the goodness of God!

## Hour TWO



### Teaching – The Cross and God’s Example

**Philippians 2:1-11** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Notes on Message:

### Scriptures for further meditation:

**Colossians 3:12-17** Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**1 Peter 4:12-19** Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is

revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup> If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

**I Peter 5:5-7** In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Luke 23:44-49** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." [e] When he had said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." <sup>48</sup> When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. <sup>49</sup> But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

### **Prayer Point: GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**

**Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!**

- Pray for our government leaders to have wisdom and to be saved. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- Pray for God to use this crisis to draw many people to come to Him. (John 3:14-17)
- Pray for our church and other churches to be effective and clear in our preaching of the gospel, and for open doors for the gospel! (Colossians 4:2-4)
- Pray specifically for people you know to come to faith in Jesus. Consider family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, students, teachers, health care workers, business owners, etc.



### **Songs for Reflection:**

- Jesus I Need You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKM-8CZRplI>
- Turn Your Eyes - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2tKVgZZiI4>

### **Family Activity Suggestions:**

- Neighborhood Prayer Walk – This would be a great opportunity to go for a walk together with your family and pray for your neighbors and neighborhood!
- Invitations – Who can you invite to view the rest of tonight’s livestream? Who can you invite together to worship via our livestream on Easter Sunday? This is a time when people are open to invitations. Prayerfully and creatively invite others!

## Hour THREE



### Teaching – The Cross and God’s LOVE

**Romans 5:6-8** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Notes on Message:

### Scriptures for further meditation:

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**1 John 3:1-3** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Ephesians 3:14-21** For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Luke 23:50-56** Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. 52 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. 53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. 54 It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. 55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

### **Prayer Point: PROVISION**

**Give us this day our daily bread...**

- Spend some time praying for the needs in our church prayer bulletin. (Email [info@forcey.org](mailto:info@forcey.org) to request to be emailed the prayer bulletin regularly.)
- Spend some time praying for needs in your own family and circle of relationships.
- Spend some time praying for the Lord to provide for the needs of our nation and world. Use this resource to guide you in prayer:  
<https://s7d9.scene7.com/is/content/LifeWayChristianResources/7-Day%20Coronavirus%20Prayer%20Guide-pdf.pdf>

### **Songs for Reflection:**

- How Vast the Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgjFgP1ZOvo>
- Is He Worthy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIahc83Kvp4>

### **Family Activity Suggestions:**

- Resurrection Egg Hunt – With a little preparation, this could be a fantastic family activity during this hour! Resurrection Eggs are a creative way to tell the gospel story. You can order a set (and view a video about them) at <https://biblegamescentral.com/resurrection-eggs>. However, you can also simply make your own Resurrection Egg Cards from a website like this: <https://biblegamescentral.com/resurrection-eggs>. This website provides printout cards and a script to use when explaining the meaning of each Egg to the kids! After cutting out the eggs and printing out the script, all you need to do is hide some eggs and add some kids!

## Hour FOUR



### Teaching – The Cross and God’s PEACE

**Colossians 1:19-20** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Notes on Message:

### Scriptures for further meditation:

**Ephesians 2:12-22** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**Romans 5:1-5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Philippians 4:4-7** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 27:45-56** From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). 47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” 48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” 50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. 54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!” 55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

### **Prayer Point: CONFESSION**

**And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

- Use Nehemiah 1:5-11 and/or Daniel 9:4-19 as a model of how to pray and ask the Lord’s forgiveness for your sins and the sins of your nation.
- Spend some time confessing specific ways in which we have gone away from God personally, nationally, and globally.
- Use some of these prayers to guide you in your time of confession.  
<http://static1.squarespace.com/static/553ea282e4b0e1b549d403d5/t/5591a6ede4b006e77cac/a457/1435608813455/Prayers+of+Confession+of+Sin+and+Assurance+of+Pardon.pdf>

### **Songs for Reflection:**

- Lord Have Mercy - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgUzA9EuC9E>
- O God Forgive Us - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tz4toSf-xQU>

### **Family Activity Suggestions:**

- Break during time of Confession – This would be a good time for younger kids to take a break while older kids, teens, young adults, and adults really focus on confessing sin, which is an important part of prayer and fasting biblically.

## Hour FIVE



### Teaching – Messiah in the Passover

**We welcome Dennis Karp of Chosen People Ministries for this special presentation!**

**Please visit this website to learn more about Dennis, to request to receive his prayer letter, and to donate to his ministry:**

**[www.chosenpeople.com/site/dennis-tina-karp](http://www.chosenpeople.com/site/dennis-tina-karp)**

Dennis Karp grew up in the Washington, DC area in a traditional Jewish family. He came to faith through the work of Chosen People Ministries and has been serving the Lord ever since. Dennis has been a Branch, Regional and National Director for Chosen People Ministries and has held the office of Vice President. He planted a Messianic congregation in Northern Virginia which he pastored from August 1998 until July 2007. It was then that God called Dennis to Israel. He and his family lived in Jerusalem for four years where he served as Assistant Director of Beit Sar Shalom (Chosen People Ministries – Israel). He taught biblical seminars, disciplined believers, led a home fellowship and pastored a staff of some 25 people. Dennis was also involved in the humanitarian work of Beit Sar Shalom. Dennis was called back to the states in July 2011 where he currently works as Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Chosen People Ministries. Additionally, he leads Son of David Congregation in Maryland, mentors young believers and speaks on the Jewishness of the Gospel. He also oversees the outreach of Chosen People Ministries in the Washington, D.C. area. Dennis welcomes the opportunity to share his faith, his burden for outreach and his Jewish perspective of the scriptures.

### Preparing for Communion:

During this time, Dennis will lead us in sharing communion together. You will want to have some bread and juice ready for our time of communion. The Lord has designed the communion meal in a way that it can be shared by any of His people in any circumstances throughout history! You do not need a particular type of bread or juice – the power is not in the symbols themselves but what they represent. But, you will want to have something ready that represents the body and blood of Christ as we aim to share in communion together. Any kind of bread and cracker along with any kind of red juice works best, but again the important thing is what the elements represent! And, more than preparing the elements, be sure to prepare your heart!

### Notes on Presentation:

### **Scriptures for further meditation:**

**I Corinthians 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Hour SIX



### Teaching – The Cross and God’s STRENGTH

**Hebrews 12:1-3** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Notes on Message:

### Scriptures for further meditation:

**2 Corinthians 4:7-12** But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup>So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

**1 Peter 1:3-9** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you



believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Ephesians 1:17-23** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**John 19:28-30** Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### **Prayer Point: PROTECTION**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen!**

- Use Ephesians 6:10-20 as a guide to prayer. Pray through the "Armor of God" and that God would help you to put on this armor!
- Pray for God's protection over our government leaders, health care workers, medical researchers, spiritual leaders, and all those on the front lines of the pandemic.
- Pray for God to protect your family and loved ones.

### **Songs for Reflection:**

- Stronger - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfnrYav-QTc>
- Victor's Crown - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_2nBOGA6X2g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_2nBOGA6X2g)

### **Family Activity Suggestions:**

- Family Worship – Encourage the kids to find or make a musical instrument and to sing along with our time of worship that we will share in together.