

## Celebrating Good Friday at Home



**A note from Fr. Jeff:** *The Adoration of the Holy Cross is both a humbling moment for us and an opportunity to profoundly show our Lord gratitude. Choose a significant cross or crucifix in your house for this ceremony. You'll be invited to bring them to church for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 13, when our crosses and crucifixes will be blessed. -jdb*

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN:** *At an appropriate time, preferably in the afternoon or evening, gather together to celebrate Good Friday, the passion and death of Jesus Christ. A simple prayer space can be adjusted with a candle, cross or crucifix, and red cloth.*

### Introduction

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (All make the Sign of the Cross together.)

All: Amen

Leader: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever. All: Blessed be God forever. Leader: Today we recall the passion of Jesus Christ on the Cross. While we cannot be with our parish family today, we remember and joining with all those suffering around the world.

### Intercessions

Leader: We join our prayers with our brothers and sisters around the world. **Please respond: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the Church. (pause) That God will guide her in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and to serve all who are in need. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For the Pope. (pause) That God will protect Pope Francis and continue to inspire him in his leadership of the Church around the world. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For all members of the Church. (pause) That God will guide all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Faithful to share their gifts in service to others. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For catechumens. (pause) That God will strengthen all catechumens, those preparing for baptism, as they enter the Church this Easter Season. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For Christian unity. (pause) That God will gather all those who share a belief in his Son, Jesus Christ to journey with one another in faith and service. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For the Jewish People. (pause) That God will be present to all those who are of the Jewish faith and that they may grow closer to him by recognizing his loving kindness. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For those who do not believe in Christ. (pause) That God will be present to all those who seek the love and mercy which comes from following Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For those who do not believe in God. (pause) That God will aid in allowing himself to be known through the witness of service, love, and peace of his Church. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For those in public office (pause) That God will guide those in government offices to serve the needs of all people, especially the poor and most vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For all those in need. (pause) That God will hear their prayers and answer them in their time of need, bringing healing, comfort, mercy, peace, forgiveness, and love. Let us pray to the Lord...

Reader: For all who are sick and for all who have died as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as for the safety of healthcare workers, for the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes, and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety, fear or doubt during this health crisis. Let us pray to the Lord...

### Our Father

Leader: Remember us Lord when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray as you taught us:

All: Our Father...

### Conclusion

Leader: Let us pray. (pause) Father, look with love upon your people, the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to evil men and suffered the agony of the cross, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

### Adoration of the Cross

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,

All: for by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

*The Leader then reverences the Cross with a touch, kiss, or other gesture, then makes a Sign of the Cross in silence. Others are invited to do the same and then spend some time in quiet prayer.*