



good FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Enter the chapel quietly. Sit for a moment or two in silence, putting the concerns of the day aside and prepare for holy time with God.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

As one church in many locations, we hold one another in prayer.

During this time, we will pray for all those present, both in person and online.

This vigil is a time of deep reflection. We invite you to observe holy silence as you enter, participate, and leave as you need.

At the top of each hour, a pastor will join you to offer a devotion.

MOMENTS OF STILLNESS

Sit in silence. Breathe deeply. Be present with God.

Stay here and keep watch with me. (Matthew 26:38)

OPENING PRAYER

*We gather in the solemnity of this day,
standing in awe before the mystery of your love.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
lead us into prayer that deepens our faith,
awakens our compassion,
and draws us closer to your redeeming grace. Amen.*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

*"He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity...
he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed." (Isaiah 53:3,5 NRSV)*

Reflection: What does Christ's suffering mean for the world? What does it mean for you?

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(UMC Service of Word & Table I)*

Take a moment of silent confession.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD'S SUFFERING

*Loving Christ, who bore the weight of the world's pain,
we pray for those who suffer today:
for the sick and dying,
for the oppressed and forgotten,
for those who feel abandoned,
for those in places of war and injustice.
May your cross be a beacon of hope.
May your love bring healing.*

Name those in need of God's mercy.

A PRAYER OF SOLACE

*Jesus, as you gave your final breath in trust,
Please help us surrender and turn to you.*

*Let us trust you with our fears, failures, and striving.
Into your hands, we place our burdens,
our loved ones, and our world.*

*In your loving presence, open our hearts as we pray for one another,
our neighbors, our family, teachers and schools, Resurrection locations,
those who come to church at Resurrection seeking you, and our leaders.
Pray for Resurrection staff, pastors, ministers, volunteers, technicians
and Resurrection Kids and Resurrection Students across locations and
physical boundaries.*

May we trust, as you trusted. Amen.

What do you need to release to God today? Offer it in prayer.

CLOSING REFLECTION & BLESSING

Words from the Cross

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

*O Christ, your sacrifice is complete, but your grace is not exhausted.
Even in death, you are our hope.*

*As we wait for the dawn of resurrection,
keep us steadfast in faith,
courageous in love,
and unwavering in trust. Amen.*

Pause in silence before departing.

As you go about your day

Jesus reminds us to "pray without ceasing", but sometimes we get distracted and don't pray as often as we should. Prayer prompts can serve as a great reminder to stop and pray. By connecting colors to specific prayer themes, we will always see something to pray for.

Yellow – people around the world and people who lead

Purple – everyone knows and grows in the love of God

Pink – compassion/love your neighbor

Periwinkle – friendship and love/friends and family

Chartreuse/Green – acceptance of everyone

