



GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sit before a cross or the image of a cross.

GATHERING PRAYER

Remember your mercies, o Lord, And with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son by the shedding of his blood established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Make an act of obeisance to the image of the Cross and say;

We adore you O Christ and we bless you; because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

GOSPEL: John 19:25-42

REFLECTION

Good Friday can best be summed up by the little phrase: “The tender mercy of God.” In John's Passion story, we see Jesus as one who chooses to embrace the Cross for our sake. Jesus is going through such a great agony and sadness and yet we hear Jesus uttering those words **'Here is your mother, here is your son'**. Even on the cross, Jesus provides comfort for his mother and us. Indeed, the Cross of Jesus gives us consolation and courage, as we go through this troubled time of pandemic and lockdown. We are embraced by the tender mercy of God.

Let us allow ourselves to be touched by this boundless mercy of God, and on the day He poured out His mercy upon the world, let our hearts give thanks to Him.

“Who is the one that is not filled with hope of obtaining confidence and courage when he gazes trustfully on the position of our Lord's crucified body? His head is bent to give us the kiss of peace, his arms extended to receive us, his hands pierced to pour his blessings upon us, his heart opened to love us, his feet nailed to the cross to soften our hearts and remain with us” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux).

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the church throughout the world. . .
we pray for our Pope, bishop, priests, and all the faithful. . .
we pray for those preparing for baptism. . .
we pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. . .
we pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. . .
we pray for those who do not believe in God. . .
we pray for God's creation. . .
we pray for those who serve in public office. . .
we pray for those in any need. . .
and we pray for all afflicted by the coronavirus. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Conclude with these words:
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

-Fr. Thomas K.R. CP