

Prayers for the Triduum

Scripture Focus: Mark 14:22–24, Holy Thursday; Matthew 27:50–54, Good Friday; Matthew 28:5–9, Easter Sunday (Featured Stories: “The Last Supper,” “Jesus Gives His Life for Us,” “Jesus Wants Us to Help Others Know Him”)

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross.

All: In the name of the Father . . .

Leader: The readings for the holiest days of the year, the Three Days when we participate in Jesus' Last Supper, his death on the cross, and his Resurrection, help us to remember all that Jesus did for us.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to _____.

(Reader then reads one of the Scripture passages noted above from The Catholic Children's Bible.)

Leader: Jesus is our Savior, and he has set us free. Let us pray: “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free” *(Roman Missal)*.

All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Leader: Jesus, at your Last Supper, you gave us the gift of the Eucharist. Help us to stay close to you always.

All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Leader: Jesus, at your death on the cross, you gave your life for us, your friends. Help us to live our lives as your true friends.

All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Leader: Jesus, on Easter Sunday you rose from the dead to bring us your new life. Help us to follow you from death to life.

All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Closing Prayer

Leader: When we celebrate the Three Days, we are with Jesus in a special way—at the Last Supper, at his death on the cross, and in his Resurrection from the dead. Let us thank him for all his gifts to us.

Please repeat each line after me. [The lines end at the slash marks.]

You give us the Bread of Life. / We thank you! /

You give us the cross of death. / We thank you! /

You give us your Risen Life. / We thank you! /

In your death and in your life, / we are yours, Lord Jesus. /

In your death and in your life, / we are yours. /

Amen.

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