# First Week Scripture Prayers

# Luke 11:1-13 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11>

*The Lord’s Prayer.*[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11#50011001-a)1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11" \l "50011001-1)** He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11#50011001-2)2**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11" \l "50011002-1)** He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

3Give us each day our daily bread[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11#50011003-1)

4and forgive us our sins

for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,

and do not subject us to the final test.”

*Further Teachings on Prayer.*[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11#50011005-b)

5And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,6for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’7and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’8I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

*The Answer to Prayer.***[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11" \l "50011009-c)**

9“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11" \l "50011009-d)**10For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.11What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?12Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?13If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much

# 1 Samuel 3:1-10 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/3>

*Revelation to Samuel.*

1During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli, the word of the LORD was scarce and vision infrequent.2**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/3" \l "09003002-1)** One day Eli was asleep in his usual place. His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.3The lamp of God was not yet extinguished,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/3" \l "09003003-1)** and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/3#09003003-a)4The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, “Here I am.”5He ran to Eli and said, “Here I am. You called me.” “I did not call you,” Eli answered. “Go back to sleep.” So he went back to sleep.6Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. “Here I am,” he said. “You called me.” But he answered, “I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.”

7Samuel did not yet recognize the LORD, since the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.8The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, “Here I am. You called me.” Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.9So he said to Samuel, “Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” When Samuel went to sleep in his place,10the LORD came and stood there, calling out as before: Samuel, Samuel! Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

# Psalm 139 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139>

1For the leader. A psalm of David.

**I**

LORD, you have probed me, you know me:

2you know when I sit and stand;[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139002-1)[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139002-a)

you understand my thoughts from afar.

3You sift through my travels and my rest;

with all my ways you are familiar.

4Even before a word is on my tongue,

LORD, you know it all.

5Behind and before you encircle me

and rest your hand upon me.

6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

far too lofty for me to reach.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139006-b)

7Where can I go from your spirit?

From your presence, where can I flee?

8If I ascend to the heavens, you are there;

if I lie down in Sheol, there you are.[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139008-c)

9If I take the wings of dawn[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139009-1)

and dwell beyond the sea,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139009-1)

10Even there your hand guides me,

your right hand holds me fast.

11If I say, “Surely darkness shall hide me,

and night shall be my light”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139011-1)—

12Darkness is not dark for you,

and night shines as the day.

Darkness and light are but one.[**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139012-d)

**II**

13You formed my inmost being;

you knit me in my mother’s womb.[**e**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139013-e)

14I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;

wonderful are your works!

My very self you know.

15My bones are not hidden from you,

When I was being made in secret,

fashioned in the depths of the earth.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139015-1)

16Your eyes saw me unformed;

in your book all are written down;[**f**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139016-f)

my days were shaped, before one came to be.

**III**

17How precious to me are your designs, O God;

how vast the sum of them!

18Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands;

when I complete them, still you are with me.[**g**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139018-g)

19When you would destroy the wicked, O God,

the bloodthirsty depart from me![**h**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139019-h)

20Your foes who conspire a plot against you

are exalted in vain.

**IV**

21Do I not hate, LORD, those who hate you?

Those who rise against you, do I not loathe?[**i**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139021-i)

22With fierce hatred I hate them,

enemies I count as my own.

23Probe me, God, know my heart;

try me, know my thoughts.[**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139023-j)

24See if there is a wicked path in me;

lead me along an ancient path.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139#23139024-1)

# Jeremiah 29: 11-14 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/29>

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.12When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you.**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/29" \l "30029012-f)**13When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart,14I will let you find me—oracle of the LORD—and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you—oracle of the LORD—and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you.**[g](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/29" \l "30029014-g)**

## Isaiah 43 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43>

PROMISES OF REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION

1But now, thus says the LORD,

who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name: you are mine.

2When you pass through waters, I will be with you;

through rivers, you shall not be swept away.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,

nor will flames consume you.

3For I, the LORD, am your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

I give Egypt as ransom for you,

Ethiopia and Seba**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43" \l "29043003-1)** in exchange for you.

4Because you are precious in my eyes

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you

and nations in exchange for your life.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043004-a)

5Fear not, for I am with you;

from the east I will bring back your offspring,

from the west I will gather you.

6I will say to the north: Give them up!

and to the south: Do not hold them!

Bring back my sons from afar,

and my daughters from the ends of the earth:[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043006-b)

7All who are called by my name

I created for my glory;

I formed them, made them.

8Lead out the people, blind though they have eyes,

deaf though they have ears.

9Let all the nations gather together,

let the peoples assemble!

Who among them could have declared this,

or announced to us the earlier things?[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043009-1)

Let them produce witnesses to prove themselves right,

that one may hear and say, “It is true!”

10You are my witnesses[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043010-1)—oracle of the LORD—

my servant whom I have chosen

To know and believe in me

and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,

and after me there shall be none.

11I, I am the LORD;

there is no savior but me.

12It is I who declared, who saved,

who announced, not some strange god among you;

You are my witnesses—oracle of the LORD.

I am God,

13yes, from eternity I am he;

There is none who can deliver from my hand:

I act and who can cancel it?[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043013-c)

14Thus says the LORD, your redeemer,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043014-1)

the Holy One of Israel:

For your sake I send to Babylon;

I will bring down all her defenses,

and the Chaldeans shall cry out in lamentation.

15I am the LORD, your Holy One,

the creator of Israel, your King.

16Thus says the LORD,

who opens a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,[**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043016-d)

17Who leads out chariots and horsemen,

a powerful army,

Till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,

snuffed out, quenched like a wick.[**e**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043017-e)

18Remember not[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043018-1) the events of the past,

the things of long ago consider not;

19See, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

In the wilderness I make a way,

in the wasteland, rivers.

20Wild beasts honor me,

jackals and ostriches,

For I put water in the wilderness

and rivers in the wasteland

for my chosen people to drink,

21The people whom I formed for myself,

that they might recount my praise.

22Yet you did not call upon me, Jacob,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043022-1)

for you grew weary of me, Israel.

23You did not bring me sheep for your burnt offerings,

nor honor me with your sacrifices.

I did not exact from you the service of offerings,

nor weary you for frankincense.[**f**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043023-f)

24You did not buy me sweet cane,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043024-1)

nor did you fill me with the fat of your sacrifices;

Instead, you burdened me with your sins,

wearied me with your crimes.

25It is I, I, who wipe out,

for my own sake, your offenses;

your sins I remember no more.

26Would you have me remember, have us come to trial?

Speak up, prove your innocence!

27Your first father[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/43#29043027-1) sinned;

your spokesmen rebelled against me

28Till I repudiated the holy princes,

put Jacob under the ban,

exposed Israel to scorn.

## Ephesians 2:10 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2>

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2" \l "57002010-i)**

## Mark 10:46-52 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/10>

*The Blind Bartimaeus.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/10" \l "49010046-1)**46They came to Jericho.**[q](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/10" \l "49010046-q)** And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.47On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.”48And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me.”49Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, he is calling you.”50He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.51Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.”52Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

## John 5:1-9 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5>

*Cure on a Sabbath.*1After this, there was a feast**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005001-2)** of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005001-a)2Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep [Gate]**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005002-1)** a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005002-b)3In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled.**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005003-1)**4**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005004-1)**5One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.6When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be well?”7The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me.”8Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your mat, and walk.”**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005008-c)**9Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005009-d)**

Now that day was a sabbath.

## Luke 7: 36-50 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7>

*The Pardon of the Sinful Woman.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007036-1)**36**[o](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007036-o)** A Pharisee invited him to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7#50007036-2)37Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee.**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007037-p)** Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment,[**q**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7#50007037-q)38she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.39When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.”40Jesus said to him in reply, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said.41“Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days’ wages**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007041-1)**and the other owed fifty.42Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?”43Simon said in reply, “The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven.” He said to him, “You have judged rightly.”44Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair.45You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered.46You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment.47So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love.**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007047-1)**But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”48He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”**[r](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7" \l "50007048-r)**49The others at table said to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” 50 But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

# Second Week Scripture Prayers

## Luke 1:26-38 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1>

*Announcement of the Birth of Jesus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1#50001026-1)26In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,27to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary.**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001027-l)**28And coming to her, he said, “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.”**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001028-m)**29But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.30Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.31**[n](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001031-n)** Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.32**[o](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001032-o)** He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1#50001032-1) and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,33and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001033-p)**34But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001034-1)**35And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.**[q](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001035-q)**36And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001036-1)** a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;37for nothing will be impossible for God.”**[r](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1" \l "50001037-r)**38Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

## Luke 2:1-20 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2>

*The Birth of Jesus.*1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002001-1)** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2#50002001-2) that the whole world should be enrolled.2This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.3So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.4And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,**[a](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002004-a)**5to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002005-b)**6While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,7and she gave birth to her firstborn son.**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002007-1)** She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2#50002007-c)

8**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002008-1)** Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.9The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002009-d)**10The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.11**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002011-1)** [**e**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2#50002011-e) For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.12And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”13And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2" \l "50002014-1)** “Glory to God in the highest[**f**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2#50002014-f)

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

*The Visit of the Shepherds.*15When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”16So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.17When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.18All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.19And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.20Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

## Matt 3:13-17 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3>

*The Baptism of Jesus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3#48003013-1)13**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3" \l "48003013-i)** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.14**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3" \l "48003014-1)** John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”15Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him.16**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3" \l "48003016-1)** [**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3#48003016-j) After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him.17And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3" \l "48003017-1)** with whom I am well pleased.”[**k**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/3#48003017-k)

## Matt 4:1-11 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4>

*The Temptation of Jesus.*1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004001-1)** [**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4#48004001-a) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.2**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004002-b)** He fasted for forty days and forty nights,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4#48004002-1) and afterwards he was hungry.3The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.”4**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004004-1)** He said in reply, “It is written:[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4#48004004-c)

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.’”

5**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004005-1)** Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple,6and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

‘He will command his angels concerning you’

and ‘with their hands they will support you,

lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004006-d)**

7Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”**[e](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004007-e)**8Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,9and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004009-1)**10At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written:

‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship

and him alone shall you serve.’”**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/4" \l "48004010-f)**

11Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

## Luke 18:18-30 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18>

*The Rich Official.*18**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18" \l "50018018-i)** An official asked him this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”[**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18#50018018-j)19Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.20You know the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother.’”**[k](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18" \l "50018020-k)**21And he replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.”22**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18" \l "50018022-1)** [**l**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18#50018022-l) When Jesus heard this he said to him, “There is still one thing left for you: sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”23But when he heard this he became quite sad, for he was very rich.

*On Riches and Renunciation.*24Jesus looked at him [now sad] and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!25For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”26Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”27And he said, “What is impossible for human beings is possible for God.”**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18" \l "50018027-m)**28Then Peter said, “We have given up our possessions and followed you.”29**[n](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18" \l "50018029-n)** He said to them, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God30who will not receive [back] an overabundant return in this present age and eternal life in the age to come.”

## Matt 16:13-20 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16>

*Peter’s Confession About Jesus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016013-1)13**[h](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016013-h)** When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016013-2) he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”14**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016014-i)** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016014-1) others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”15He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”16**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016016-1)** [**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016016-j) Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”17Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016017-1)** has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.18**[k](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016018-k)** And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016018-1)and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.19**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016019-l)** I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016019-1) Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”20**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16" \l "48016020-1)** [**m**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/16#48016020-m) Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

## John 5:1-18 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5>

*Cure on a Sabbath.*1After this, there was a feast[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005001-2) of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005001-a)2Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep [Gate][**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005002-1) a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005002-b)3In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005003-1)4[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005004-1)5One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.6When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be well?”7The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me.”8Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your mat, and walk.”[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005008-c)9Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.[**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005009-d)

Now that day was a sabbath.10So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.”**[e](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005010-e)**11He answered them, “The man who made me well told me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’”12They asked him, “Who is the man who told you, ‘Take it up and walk’?”13The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there.**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005013-f)**14**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005014-1)** After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him,[**g**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005014-g) “Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you.”15The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well.16Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a sabbath.**[h](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005016-h)**17**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005017-1)** But Jesus answered them,[**i**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5#51005017-i) “My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.”18For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God.**[j](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/5" \l "51005018-j)**

## Luke 19:1-10 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19>

*Zacchaeus the Tax Collector.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19#50019001-1)1He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.2Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man,3was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature.4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.5When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.”6And he came down quickly and received him with joy.7When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.”**[a](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19" \l "50019007-a)**8But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.”**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19" \l "50019008-b)**9**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19" \l "50019009-1)** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19#50019009-c) has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.10**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19" \l "50019010-1)** [**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19#50019010-d) For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

## John 15:15-17 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/15>

15I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/15" \l "51015015-1)** because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.[**k**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/15#51015015-k)16It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/15" \l "51015016-l)**17This I command you: love one another.**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/15" \l "51015017-m)**

# Third Week Scripture Prayers

## Matt 26:17- 27:66

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*Preparations for the Passover.*17**[g](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026017-g)** On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026017-1) the disciples approached Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”[**h**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026017-h)18**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026018-1)** He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, “My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’”19The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

*The Betrayer.*20When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve.21And while they were eating, he said, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026021-1)**22Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, “Surely it is not I, Lord?”23He said in reply, “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me.24**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026024-1)** **[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026024-i)** The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”25**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026025-1)** Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He answered, “You have said so.”

*The Lord’s Supper.*26**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026026-1)** [**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026026-j) While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026026-2) [**k**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026026-k)27Then he took a cup, gave thanks,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026027-1)** and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you,28**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026028-l)** for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.29**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026029-1)** I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.”30**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026030-1)** Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Peter’s Denial Foretold.*31**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026031-m)** Then Jesus said to them, “This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026031-1) for it is written:[**n**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026031-n)

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed’;

32but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”33Peter said to him in reply, “Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.”34**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026034-1)** [**o**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026034-o) Jesus said to him, “Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”[**p**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026034-p)35Peter said to him, “Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.” And all the disciples spoke likewise.

*The Agony in the Garden.*36**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026036-1)** [**q**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026036-q) Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026036-2) and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”[**r**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026036-r)37**[s](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026037-s)** He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026037-1) and began to feel sorrow and distress.38**[t](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026038-t)** Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026038-1) Remain here and keep watch with me.”39**[u](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026039-u)** He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, “My Father,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026039-1) if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”40When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?41Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026041-1)** The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”42**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026042-1)** [**v**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026042-v) Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”43Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open.44He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.45**[w](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026045-w)** Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.46Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

*The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus.*47**[x](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026047-x)** While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people.48His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, “The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.”49Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!”**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026049-1)** and he kissed him.50Jesus answered him, “Friend, do what you have come for.” Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.51And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear.52Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.53Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels?54But then how would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”55**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026055-1)** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me.56**[y](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026056-y)** But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

*Jesus Before the Sanhedrin.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026057-1)57**[z](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026057-z)** Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026057-2) the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.58Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest’s courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome.59The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026059-1)** kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death,60**[a](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026060-a)** but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026060-1)came forward61who stated, “This man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”62The high priest rose and addressed him, “Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”63**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026063-b)** But Jesus was silent.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026063-1) Then the high priest said to him, “I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”64**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026064-c)** Jesus said to him in reply, “You have said so.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026064-1) But I tell you:

From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man

seated at the right hand of the Power’

and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’”

65Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has blasphemed!**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026065-1)** What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy;66what is your opinion?” They said in reply, “He deserves to die!”67**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026067-1)** [**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26#48026067-d) Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him,68saying, “Prophesy for us, Messiah: who is it that struck you?”

*Peter’s Denial of Jesus.*69**[e](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026069-e)** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”70**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026070-1)** But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about!”71As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This man was with Jesus the Nazorean.”72Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man!”73**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026073-1)** A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, “Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.”74At that he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately a cock crowed.75**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/26" \l "48026075-f)** Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly.

*Jesus Before Pilate.*1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027001-1)** When it was morning,[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027001-a) all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027001-2) against Jesus to put him to death.2They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

*The Death of Judas.*3**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027003-b)** Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027003-1) to the chief priests and elders,[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027003-c)4saying, “I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? Look to it yourself.”5**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027005-1)** Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself.6The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, “It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.”7After consultation, they used it to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.8That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood.9Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027009-1)** “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites,10**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027010-d)** and they paid it out for the potter’s field just as the Lord had commanded me.”

*Jesus Questioned by Pilate.*11**[e](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027011-e)** Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027011-1) Jesus said, “You say so.”12**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027012-f)** And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027012-1) he made no answer.13Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?”14But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

*The Sentence of Death.*15**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027015-1)** [**g**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027015-g) Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished.16**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027016-1)** And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called [Jesus] Barabbas.17So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, “Which one do you want me to release to you, [Jesus] Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?”18**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027018-1)** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over.19**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027019-1)** While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him.”20**[h](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027020-h)** The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus.21The governor said to them in reply, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They answered, “Barabbas!”22**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027022-1)** Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”23But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder, “Let him be crucified!”24**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027024-1)** **[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027024-i)** When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.”25And the whole people said in reply, “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”26Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027026-1)** he handed him over to be crucified.

*Mockery by the Soldiers.*27**[j](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027027-j)** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027027-1) and gathered the whole cohort around him.28They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027028-1)** about him.29**[k](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027029-k)** Weaving a crown out of thorns,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027029-1) they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”30**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027030-l)** They spat upon him[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027030-1) and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.31And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

*The Way of the Cross.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027032-1)**32**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027032-m)** As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

*The Crucifixion.*33**[n](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027033-n)** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull),34**[o](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027034-o)** they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027034-1) But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink.35**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027035-p)** After they had crucified him, they divided his garments[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027035-1) by casting lots;36then they sat down and kept watch over him there.37And they placed over his head the written charge**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027037-1)** against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.38Two revolutionaries**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027038-1)** were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left.39**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027039-1)** [**q**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027039-q) Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads40**[r](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027040-r)** and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!”41Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,42“He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel!**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027042-1)** Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.43**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027043-1)** [**s**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027043-s) He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”44The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

*The Death of Jesus.*45**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027045-1)** [**t**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027045-t) From noon onward,[**u**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027045-u) darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.46**[v](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027046-v)** And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027046-1) which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”47**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027047-1)** Some of the bystanders who heard it said, “This one is calling for Elijah.”48**[w](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027048-w)** Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink.49But the rest said, “Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”50**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027050-1)** But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.51**[x](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027051-x)** And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027051-1) The earth quaked, rocks were split,52**[y](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027052-y)** tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised.53And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.54**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027054-1)** The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, “Truly, this was the Son of God!”55There were many women there, looking on from a distance,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027055-1)** who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him.56**[z](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027056-z)** Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

*The Burial of Jesus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027057-1)57**[a](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027057-a)** When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27#48027057-b)58He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over.59Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen60and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.61But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

*The Guard at the Tomb.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027062-1)**62The next day, the one following the day of preparation,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027062-2)** the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate63**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027063-c)** and said, “Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’64Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027064-1)**65Pilate said to them, “The guard is yours;**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/27" \l "48027065-1)** go secure it as best you can.”66So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

Mar 14:10-15:47

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/14>

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/15>

Luke 22:1 – 23:56

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/22>

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/23>

John 18:1-19:42

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/18>

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/19>

Psalm 22

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE>

### **Psalm 22[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16284a)**]**

### **The Prayer of an Innocent Person**

**1**For the leader; according to “The deer of the dawn.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16284b)] A psalm of David.

### **I**

**2**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
    Why so far from my call for help,  
    from my cries of anguish?  
**3**My God, I call by day, but you do not answer;  
    by night, but I have no relief.  
**4**Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
    you are the glory of Israel.  
**5**In you our fathers trusted;  
    they trusted and you rescued them.  
**6**To you they cried out and they escaped;  
    in you they trusted and were not disappointed.  
**7**[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16290c)]But I am a worm, not a man,  
    scorned by men, despised by the people.  
**8**All who see me mock me;  
    they curl their lips and jeer;  
    they shake their heads at me:  
**9**“He relied on the Lord—let him deliver him;  
    if he loves him, let him rescue him.”  
**10**For you drew me forth from the womb,  
    made me safe at my mother’s breasts.  
**11**Upon you I was thrust from the womb;  
    since my mother bore me you are my God.  
**12**Do not stay far from me,  
    for trouble is near,  
    and there is no one to help.

### **II**

**13**Many bulls[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16296d)] surround me;  
    fierce bulls of Bashan encircle me.  
**14**They open their mouths against me,  
    lions that rend and roar.  
**15**Like water my life drains away;  
    all my bones are disjointed.  
My heart has become like wax,  
    it melts away within me.  
**16**As dry as a potsherd is my throat;  
    my tongue cleaves to my palate;  
    you lay me in the dust of death.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16299e)]  
**17**Dogs surround me;  
    a pack of evildoers closes in on me.  
They have pierced my hands and my feet  
**18**    I can count all my bones.  
They stare at me and gloat;  
**19**    they divide my garments among them;  
    for my clothing they cast lots.  
**20**But you, Lord, do not stay far off;  
    my strength, come quickly to help me.  
**21**Deliver my soul from the sword,  
    my life from the grip of the dog.  
**22**Save me from the lion’s mouth,  
    my poor life from the horns of wild bulls.

### **III**

**23**Then I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
    in the assembly I will praise you:[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16306f)]  
**24**“You who fear the Lord, give praise!  
    All descendants of Jacob, give honor;  
    show reverence, all descendants of Israel!  
**25**For he has not spurned or disdained  
    the misery of this poor wretch,  
Did not turn away[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16308g)] from me,  
    but heard me when I cried out.  
**26**I will offer praise in the great assembly;  
    my vows I will fulfill before those who fear him.  
**27**The poor[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-16310h)] will eat their fill;  
    those who seek the Lord will offer praise.  
    May your hearts enjoy life forever!”

### **IV**

**28**All the ends of the earth  
    will remember and turn to the Lord;  
All the families of nations  
    will bow low before him.  
**29**For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
    the ruler over the nations.  
**30**[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22&version=NABRE" \l "fen-NABRE-16313i" \o "See footnote i)]All who sleep in the earth  
    will bow low before God;  
All who have gone down into the dust  
    will kneel in homage.  
**31**And I will live for the Lord;  
    my descendants will serve you.  
**32**The generation to come will be told of the Lord,  
    that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn  
    the deliverance you have brought.

## 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5>

[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5#55005014-1) For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died.[**i**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5#55005014-i)15He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.**[j](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5" \l "55005015-j)**

## Ephesians 5:1-2

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/5>

So be imitators of God,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/5" \l "57005001-1)** as beloved children,[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/5#57005001-a)2and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/5" \l "57005002-b)**

## Galatians 2:19-20

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/2>

For through the law I died to the law,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/2" \l "56002019-1)** that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ;[**o**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/2#57002019-o)20yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/2" \l "57002020-p)**

## 1 John 3:16

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/3>

16The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**[k](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/3" \l "70003016-k)**

# Fourth Week Scripture Prayers

## Mark 16:1-8 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16>

*The Resurrection of Jesus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16#49016001-1)1When the sabbath was over,**[a](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16" \l "49016001-a)** Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16#49016001-b)2Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.3They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”4When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.5On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16" \l "49016005-c)**6He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.7But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/16" \l "49016007-d)**8Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## John 20:19-23 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20>

*Appearance to the Disciples.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020019-1)**19On the evening of that first day of the week,**[j](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020019-j)** when the doors were locked, where the disciples[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020019-2) were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”20When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020020-1)** The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.[**k**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020020-k)21**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020021-1)** [Jesus] said to them again,[**l**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020021-l) “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”22**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020022-1)** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,[**m**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020022-m) “Receive the holy Spirit.23**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020023-1)** [**n**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020023-n) Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

## Luke 24:13-35 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24>

*The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24#50024013-1)13Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024013-2)** from Jerusalem called Emmaus,[**i**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24#50024013-i)14and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.15And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,16**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024016-1)** [**j**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24#50024016-j) but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.17He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast.18One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?”19And he replied to them, “What sort of things?” They said to him, “The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,**[k](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024019-k)**20how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him.21**[l](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024021-l)** But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place.22**[m](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024022-m)** Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning23and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.24**[n](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024024-n)** Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see.”25**[o](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024025-o)** And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024026-1)** these things and enter into his glory?”27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024027-p)**28As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther.29But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.30And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.31With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.32Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”33So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them34who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”**[q](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/24" \l "50024034-q)**35Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

John 20:24-29 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20>

*Thomas.*24Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.25So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”**[o](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020025-o)**26Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”**[p](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020026-p)**27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”28**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020028-1)** [**q**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020028-q) Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”29**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20" \l "51020029-1)** Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me?[**r**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20#51020029-r) Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed

John 21:1-17 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21>

*The Appearance to the Seven Disciples.*1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021001-1)** After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021001-a)2Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021002-1)** and two others of his disciples.3**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021003-1)** Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We also will come with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021003-b)4When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021004-c)**5Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.”**[d](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021005-d)**6So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.7So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.8The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish.9**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021009-1)** [**e**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021009-e) When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread.10Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.”11So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021011-1)** large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.[**f**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021011-f)12Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021012-1)** “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.13Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.**[g](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021013-g)**14**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021014-1)** This was now the third time[**h**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021014-h) Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

*Jesus and Peter.*[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021015-1)15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021015-2)** “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21#51021015-3) He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”16He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”17He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” [Jesus] said to him, “Feed my sheep.**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/21" \l "51021017-i)**

## Matt 28: 16-20 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28>

*The Commissioning of the Disciples.***[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028016-1)**16**[f](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028016-f)** The eleven[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28#48028016-2) disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.17**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028017-1)** When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.18**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028018-1)** [**g**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28#48028018-g) Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.19**[h](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028019-h)** Go, therefore,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28#48028019-1) and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,20**[i](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28" \l "48028020-i)** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/28#48028020-1) And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

## Acts 2:1-4 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2>

*The Coming of the Spirit.*1**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2" \l "52002001-1)** When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.[**a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2#52002001-a)2And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2" \l "52002002-1)** and it filled the entire house in which they were.[**b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2#52002002-b)3Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2" \l "52002003-1)** which parted and came to rest on each one of them.[**c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2#52002003-c)4And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues,**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2" \l "52002004-1)** as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.[**d**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2#52002004-d)

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 <http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/1>

*Thanksgiving.*3**[b](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/1" \l "55001003-b)** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/1#55001003-1)4who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.**[c](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/1" \l "55001004-c)**5For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ**[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/1" \l "55001005-1)** does our encouragement also overflow.