

THE CROSS IN THE CENTRE

Look at the Cross. Think of all the ways it is described to us. *Composers have created marvellous songs. Painters and sculptors have tried to capture its meaning. Martyrs under persecution have clung to it. Christians find it a source of strength and healing in trying times.*



The Cross means more. It isn't only a lovely piece of art. It symbolizes all we believe in. *It proclaims God's promise that we are set free from sin because Jesus died for us. It attests to the fact we are really saved by God's grace!*



Think of the Lord Jesus who died on that cross. *Take hold of His nail-pierced hands and don't let go. When darkness surrounds you and the earthquakes of life rumble on like on the hill of Golgotha, know for sure that He has already provided the power to overcome anything and everything we face.*



Call to remembrance the three crosses. Jesus hung on the centre cross. He looked to one side and saw a thief who died an angry unrepentant death. *Jesus gazed at the man on the other side, another thief. This man begged for forgiveness and went on with Jesus to paradise.*



See the Cross in the centre. The darkness is gone. Victory vibrates throughout the land. The veil in the temple has been split from top to bottom. No longer are we separated from the Holy of Holies! *Death has been beaten. People are healed of sickness and pain. Those who have sinned are set free!*



All the crosses mankind has manufactured will perish. But the victory and power that came from God's love for us and Christ dying on the cross in the centre shall never perish. *Storms of life cannot destroy it. Far-out doctrines cannot overshadow it. Evil rulers cannot crush it. Through any of these things and more, the power of God's love will break through.*



One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation – mercy and healing. *This is never simply a matter between Jesus and me.* It always has something to do with my family and with my relationships – how we are with each other. What in us needs mercy and healing? *What patterns that we have need our reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent.*

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Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.

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PALM SUNDAY

***Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,
Gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey***

Zechariah 9:9



.....So they brought the colt to Jesus and
Put their cloaks over it.
And He sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.
Those preceding Him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!*

Hosanna in the highest!"

John 12: selected



When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "*Are You the King of the Jews?*" So Jesus said to him, "*It is as you say.*"

And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "*Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?*" And He answered him not one word, so that the governor marvelled greatly.

Matthew 27: 1 (selected)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

HOLIDAY CLUB (30th March – 3rd April) pray for the leaders & children, for their safety, pray that many children will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

AUDREY NEWBERRY is not well, blood pressure is low and her leg more swollen than before she went into hospital, Aubrey is now back at Caro House.

JOHAN DE BRUIN (Dalene & Nic's nephew) had stopped at a stop street on his scooter when a bakkie smashed into him & killed him. Pray for Nic, Dalene & family.

VERNON WINTER (72) (Win Kirkman's brother in law) having surgery Monday, 30th to remove a tumour behind his ear, this is a delicate op as the tumour is near the nerves of his eyes & ears.

LINDA (Corrie Jurgens daughter) was caught up in an armed robber in a coffee shop last Wed. Linda was badly shaken but not hurt although she lost everything.

ALICE SITHOLE (Ruby's Mom) has passed away, our prayers are with Ruby.

HAYLEY & MARK HOLLARD they were burgled at 2.30am last Thurs, although no one was hurt it was a traumatic experience for them & especially for the children.

REBECCA PRESTON'S best friend's mother was murdered last Sat evening & her body was found in a bakkie. Our prayers are with Rebecca, her friend & family.

FAY & MARTIN GRAHAM PARKER (Lauren's parents) had 4 break-ins during the past 10days into the outside area of their home, feeling traumatised & unsettled.

LEDWABA'S DAUGHTER has been in a coma for the past 10days.

SUE (Virginia Newton's sister-in-law) had a hip replacement last Wednesday but is not recovering as expected. We pray peace for all.

SCHOOLGIRLS – SELF CUTTING, urgent prayer needed for these girls. We pray the Lord will give them wisdom, strength & courage to overcome this disorder.

HAROLD ADAMS (Maurice's dad) fell last Sun & cracked his knee cap which is now in a splint. Harold is in hospital & has a chest and urinary tract infection. We hold Harold, Maurice & family up to our Lord praying that God's will be done.

SUMI (75) is suffering with severe depression. Her son (31) passed away a few months ago and Sumi is finding great difficulty in dealing with her grief over her loss.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

MERILYN GARDINER (68 - Liz Theron's sister-in-law) doc has advised Liz that Marilyn is slowly slipping away. Our love surrounds Liz & family at this time.

BERYL & HILTON AVIS. Beryl is slowly recovering from her foot surgery which went well. **Hilton** is still suffering with his back problems.

JOE PHIRI (Peter Pitout's manageress's husband) has suspected heart failure

ERIN BRYSON (22 - Nic & Nora Swart's granddaughter) out of hospital & much improved but has catheter & stent in place. Family thanks everyone for their prayers.

AMBER (husband Thomas) thanks everyone for their prayers as bleeding has stopped and pains decreased, she is still in early days of her pregnancy

DOUG (Meryl's daughter, Megan, mother-in-law) is now at home, much improved, family thank everyone for their prayers.

✠ **BARBARA ATKINSON** we pray she will soon find suitable accommodation.

✠ **AL CARSTENS** has to return to hospital mid-April for his test results.

✠ **BARBARA CARVER** suffering with sciatica, medication causing kidney problems.

✠ **PAT BLACK** is still weak but is doing much better after recent lung surgery.

CHRONIC LIST: *Christine Dugmore* (broken shoulder), *Dirk Beier* (broken foot), *Gloria McPherson* (emphasema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth (90 - frail)*, *Sonette Mac Gregor* (thymus gland removed), *Woolf Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Dallas Cass* (had shoulder surgery), *Reef (USA - on-going problems)*, *Omar* (kidney problems), *Kate Waterston* (cortisol levels), *Peter Clarke* (back problems), *Steven Basson* (Atrial fibrillation), *Lanie* (Marie Palmer's godchild - domestic problems), *Val Tyler* (heart fibrillation), *Elly Winkelman* (frail), *Louis Brugman* (heart problems), *Duncan Edwards* (stroke), *Corrie Jurgens* (strokes), *JENNA* (enthesitis), *Pat Levins* (very ill), *Julian Squires* (skin grafts).

CANCER LIST: *Gordon Bennett, David Edwards* (UK), *Anton Marais* (Sydney), *Lee Barnes, Nola Dodds, Tracy Hoy* (UK), *Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren (18), Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Martin vd Merwe* (Karin Blackburn's dad), *Joy vd Klis, Daniela Andrade (7), Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Don Carneson, Louise Shaw* (Texas), *Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Brian Tromp, Chloe Thomas, Elizabeth Innes, Greg Cleeve-Edwards, Joanna* (Maurice's niece), *Joy* (Sam's sister), *Gilbert Hughes, John Clarke, Dudley Hudson, Keith Bunce* (UK - wife Liz), *Bill Coulle, Rev Hans Visser, Colleen, Gordene, Lizelle Slabber, Stuart Dixon, Maureen Booth, Marie Vosloo, Nick Breytenbach* (leukaemia), *Renée Barnes, Elaine Orpen, Colin Bertram.*



They waved palm branches as He passed *and hailed Him as their King;*
Yet, they knew not of the sorrow *the coming week would bring.*

The glad acclaim would soon give way *to jeers and mockery;*
In Pilate's court He'd be condemned *to a cross on Calvary.*

But Jesus knew He was the price *in God's redemptive plan,*
The Sacrificial Lamb come down *to die for sins of man.*

The centuries have passed and still *He seeks those lost in sin,*
Pleading with unyielding hearts *to repent and follow Him.*

On this day we shout our praise, *O, let us not delay;*
The palm-strewn path of long ago still leads to Him today.