

THE BETRAYAL

It's Holy Week, the last sad days with Jesus,
How soon the loud hosannas fade away,
The palms that waves so proudly in the sunshine
Discarded now along the dusty way.

*Where now the foal that bore the precious burden?
Whence gone the crowds that loudly gave acclaim?
Now silence reigns instead of glad hosannas,
And soon will come the scoffing and the shame.*

Ah! See the twelve now gathered round the table,
Does one seem restless quite and ill at ease,
As Jesus sadly tells them, without malice,
One would betray? Impossible, not one of these!

*Then looms once more that darkly shadowed garden
Where all alone the Master kneels in prayer;
Disciples slumber on, nor heed the danger
As Judas and the mob find entrance there.*

The kiss! How can we know the heartache
The Master felt at touch of cruel lips,
As loving trust is met with gross betrayal,
And matchless love and greed have come to grips



THOUGHTS FOR EASTER

Will I lay my cloak before you,
when they arrest you on olive mountain,
or pull it tighter around me, fading into the ranks of the deserters;
Will I shout '*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord?*
When they parade you before the authorities,
or will I tell anyone, and everyone around me I never met you in my life.

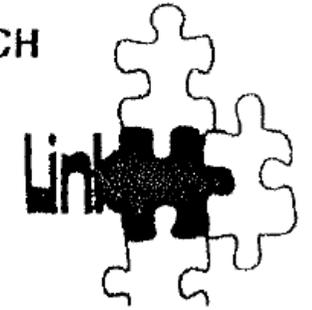
Will I lay my palm branches at your feet,
As they march you to Calvary,
or use them to put more stripes on your bloody back;
Will I run behind you? When they carry you to the tomb,
*or turn away as the ashes of my hopes
are rubbed into the wounds in my heart?*

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IN EVERYTHING JESUS CHRIST IS SUPREME
Colossians 1:18



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PRAYER IS THE KEY OF THE MORNING AND THE BOLT OF THE NIGHT

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PALM SUNDAY

.....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:

DUNCAN EDWARDS (48) diagnosed with a rare disease (there are only 80 cases in the world), he is on new medication. Duncan lives in Fourways & his parents recently moved overseas. Pray healing for Duncan & peace for his parents.

BECKY OWENS received a bone marrow transplant on Thursday & will be in hospital for a month. Pray success of transplant healing.

PETER PITOUT spent a few days in hospital; he is now home, pray for full recovery.

FRANCES SIMPSON is suffering from irritation of her skin & will be seeing a physician. We pray wisdom for doctors regarding her treatment & healing for Frances.

NOELLE MARSHALL is having a problem with bleeding into her good eye due to wet macular degeneration. She has had one injection into this eye and will be having a further two injections at monthly intervals. Pray healing & peace for Noelle & Tony.

HILARY ADAMS will be undergoing laser treatment, in both eyes; on Thursday in order to create a hole in each of her iris's to release pressure that has built up behind them. Pray steadiness of hand for the surgeon & peace for Hilary & Maurice.

MAUREEN DEWBERRY has a problem with her aorta and may have to have an op. She isn't well and gets tired easily. We pray for strength and healing for her.

ELMA (friend of Barbara) has brain cancer & had a stroke, now diagnosed with Parkinson's. Doctors can't operate & are treating her with chemo / radiation. May God surround Elma with His healing love, comfort and peace.

ERIK has a psychiatric condition or post traumatic disorder. He saw doctor in PMB last week to determine if he should be a full time or part time therapy patient.

FRED DE KOCK was working in Tanzania & was found unresponsive in his hotel room one morning. He has been in a coma for over a week & docs cannot determine what is causing this hypoxia. Pray healing for Fred & peace for his wife & family.

JOY VD KLIS cancer markers have gone up this week to 34.4; Joy is disappointed but will keep persisting. We pray God's healing & peace for Joy & Willem.

MAVIS STRACHAN we pray comfort for her on the loss of her brother of 90 years.

THELMA ELLIOT passed away on Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family especially her daughter Jenny Avery and granddaughter Pauline.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

REEF CARNESON (living in USA) undergoing blood tests & bone marrow aspiration. His white blood count is too high. There is concern that the cancer has returned. Please pray for Reef, doctors treating him, his mom and dad and family.

ELLEN COETZEE has been moved into high care after further surgery for a hiatus hernia and three blood transfusions. We pray God's healing touch on Ellen.

NIC & NORA SWART Norah is out of hospital staying with her daughter, Nic still having problems with his knee. Continue to pray healing & peace for them both.

PAUL HART had a follow up appointment with doctor, who is happy with his progress; Paul has no pain & gives thanks for prayers. Please pray for him and Norma (his wife) who is suffering with Pneumonia.

NIC & NORAH SWART Norah is in hospital with colon problems & Nic is having trouble with his knee which needs an op. Pray healing & peace for them.

COLLEEN HUNTER had a 3 hour brain op & skin graft 3 weeks ago. Pray for her full recovery & peace for her and her husband Bill.

LESLEY STEYN had surgery for breast cancer last year and has now started on a course of chemotherapy which we pray will bring Lesley complete healing.

DOREEN's 5 year old son is very ill in hospital. We pray healing for the little boy, peace and a strong sense of God's presence for Doreen and family.

VERNA is undergoing a course of chemotherapy, we pray for healing & for peace.

MERYL & ALLAN Meryl is still in CT and Allan will be joining her after singing in the Cantata. We continue to lift Meryl, Allan, Megan, Rebecca & Terry to the Lord.

MAVIS EDMUNDS recovering slowly but still confined to bed, we continue to pray for her healing and peace for her and Ron.

ELAINE VERMAAK is home after knee surgery, she suffered a fall but thankfully didn't suffer injury, Elaine is feeling rather 'low'. We pray for God's touch on her.

CANCER LIST: *Gordon Bennett, David Edwards, Anton Marais (Sydney), Lee Barnes, Nola Dodds, Tracy Hoy (UK), Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren (18), Joy Anderson, Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Garth Odendaal, Martin v d Merwe (Karin Blackburn's dad), Joy v d Klis, Jean Clarence, Les Tippett, Rebecca Owens, Daniela Andrade (7), Estelle, Jeanie (double mastectomy), Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Graeme.*

CHRONIC LIST: *Denese Pieterse (back problems), Dave (Guillain Barre Syndrome), Emmanuel Thavhiwa (difficult times), Elaine Vermaak (osteoporosis, knee problems), Rolene (cellulitis), Craig Hart (sleep apnea), Moira Smith (hiatus hernia), Brian & Eva Humphreys (Eva's recovery), Maureen Dewberry (heart problems), Alison (spinal problems), Illia & Graham (UK), Rodney (very weak), Mavis Edmunds (Hip op), Douglas (heart problems), Diana Viljoen's Mom (stroke), Harold (very tired), Mike & Helen Urban (ill health), Mushe Roos (brain surgery), Joan Potgieter (heart surgery), Erik.*

