

Dear Man of Sorrows, as we follow you on Your journey to the Cross,

We are overcome by awe and humility

At the unfathomable love You have for us.

Gethsemane, Gabbatha, Golgotha – *Your love revealed all over.*

We confess in humility that we have nothing to offer

To pay for a love so great; no gift or equivalent worthy of Your love.

You were willing to be crucified so that the token of this deed

Would force people through all centuries

To kneel at the foot of Your cross

And be broken by the realisation of Your love.

May this Easter time bring love in our hearts

That reaches deeper than sentiment,

A love that seeks to know Your will and do it.

Grant that the remembrance of Your cross will inspire us anew

To accept the challenge of sin, and to triumph in Your name.

In the name of our crucified Saviour. Amen



A LENTEN LITANY

Remind us that your love is with us:

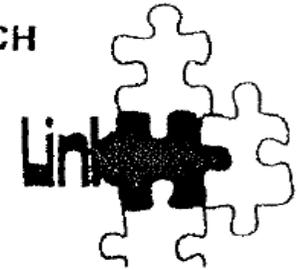
- † When loved ones experience pain and suffering
- † When illness, aging, chronic pain diminish our joy
- † When doubts arise and confusion fills our minds
- † When others fail us or refuse to forgive us for our failings
- † When we stumble and stray from the path of goodness
- † When death separates us from those we love dearly
- † When financial problems threaten our security
- † When depression or loneliness return again and again
- † When broken relationships seem unmendable
- † When our faith strengthens and gives us courage
- † When the precious gift of life is recognized and appreciated
- † When unexpected kindness and caring comes our way
- † When the peace of Christ calms our anxiety and softens our sadness
- † When we realize that our living presence can make a difference
- † When the joy of Easter quietly permeates our 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

‘So you are a teacher of Israel’ said Jesus, “and you do not recognise such things? I assure you that we are talking about something we really know and we are witnessing to something we have actually observed; yet men like you will not accept our evidence. Yet if I have spoken to you about things which happen on this earth and you will not believe me, what chance is there that you will believe me if I tell you about what happens in heaven?”

No one has ever been up to Heaven except the Son of Man who came down from heaven. *The Son of Man must be lifted above the heads of men – as Moses lifted up that serpent in the desert – so that any man who believes in Him may have eternal life.*

For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not be lost, but should have eternal life. You must understand that God has not sent His Son into the world to pass sentence upon it, but to save it – through Him.

Any man who believes in Him is not judged at all. It is the one who will not believe who stands already condemned, because he will not believe in the character of God’s only Son”.

John 3: 10-18 (JB Phillips)

WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD FOR:

Holiday Club we pray that the leaders will know God's blessing and rest on them & that the children who attended will continue to know the love of Jesus in their lives.

The Healing Weekend held over last weekend was successful & we give thanks to those who testified and pray that God will continue to work in their lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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 underwent further surgery for a hiatus hernia. Ellen was critical & on a ventilator & had to have three blood transfusion. We pray for her & her family.

DOUGLAS (Wayne Bouwer's dad) Wayne relayed the news of his dad's death in a SMS 'Our Heavenly Father answered our prayers for healing and took him into His arms...' We pray for Wayne & his family as they face the pain of losing his dad.

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 underwent neck fusion & carpal tunnel surgery Mon 1st Apr. Paul was discharged on Wed & although he is in a lot of pain the surgery went well. We pray for release of the pain and a complete recovery.

COLLEEN HUNTER had a 3 hour brain op & skin graft 2 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.

THELMA ELLIOTT in Caro House has suffered several fits and a mild stroke. Pray healing & peace for Thelma, her daughter Jenny, granddaughter Pauline & family.

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.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

NOREEN & DEREK TINDALL are now worshipping at Randpark Ridge United Church; they are fine but miss their friends at Trinity & send them their love.

GRAEME (Daphne Trollip's brother) has cancer of the lung & motor neuron disease. Pray healing & peace for Graeme, Daphne and his family.

KOBUS (Karen Barraball's brother) we continue to pray for Karen & family in their sadness. Her brother Kobus's ashes are being brought back to SA for a memorial service in CT this week. May they all be aware of God's love & comfort at this time.

JOHN PARNALL (Mandy Caulder's dad) is recovering slowly from hip surgery 2 weeks ago; we pray healing for him & his wife Glen who injured her face in a fall.

CORRIE JURGENS SISTER is staying with a friend currently but needs more permanent accommodation. Pray Corrie finds a suitable place for her sister.

LIBBY SPIES doing well after ablation heart op, she is feeling better each day & thanks everyone for their love and prayers.

MERYL & ALLAN are still in CT assisting their family; we continue to pray for Megan, Rebecca & Terry as well as for Meryl & Allan.

BILL & MARIANNE MARRS have moved to a Retirement Home in Albertville & are very lonely. May they feel God's presence & love at this difficult time.

✠ **LINDA TUTTY** is still on crutches after knee surgery, we pray for her recovery.

✠ **PAM OEHLLEY** we pray for her full recovery after fusion & decompression op.

✠ **MAVIS EDMUNDS** now home & recovering slowly, we pray for total healing.

✠ **ELAINE VERMAAK** recovering well after knee surgery, pray for total healing.

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.*

CHRONIC LIST:

Denese Pieterse (back problems), Dave (Guillain Barre Syndrome), Emmanuel Thavhiwa (difficult times), Elaine Vermaak (osteoporosis, knee pains), 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.



He was oppressed and treated harshly,

Yet He never said a word.

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,

He did not open His mouth. Isaiah 53:7