



PRAYING INTO EASTER

April 19

Focus for Today:

Today, Friday we recognize the crucifixion of Jesus. The day He paid the penalty for our sins on the Cross. Take time to read the daily scripture below and reflect on what this means to You personally. Let your prayer express the thoughts and emotions you are feeling.

Daily Scripture:

Mark 15:25-30: It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!"

Mark 15:33-37: At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Prayer Example:

Father, thank You for the sacrifice You made for me through Jesus! I thank You that through Your sacrifice, I can be free from the penalty of sin and death and have a restored relationship with You. Help me to never take this sacrifice in vain or view it lightly. Renew my heart today and everyday for my own need for Jesus. May my love for You and others reflect Jesus' love for me! In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.