PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK  Psalm 22:19, 21, 1, 7-8, 11
But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me;* O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
Save Me from the lion's mouth* and from the horns of the wild oxen!
My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*
Why are You so far from helping Me?
All those who see Me ridicule Me;* they shoot out the lip, they shake the head.
They say "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him:* let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"
Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER
Morning. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin

Holy Week, it has all come down to this: Thirty-three years of doing the will of the Father for you; thirty-three years of overcoming temptations for you; thirty-three years of proclaiming the Gospel for you; thirty-three years of fulfilling the Law for you. He has done it all, accomplished it all: well almost all. The sin of the world is laid upon His perfect shoulders. He has carried them to Jerusalem: with His face always turned toward the cross. He will not forsake it, not now. This is His purpose: To suffer as a perfect sacrifice all the penalties of your sin and mine. He will be betrayed. He will be beaten and tortured. His disciples will flee. The Lamb will remain silent. The Father will forsake Him. He will die and be placed in a tomb. And it is all for you!

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9—Lord Save Us Now...

Jesus comes riding into Jerusalem like a king: a new and greater Solomon. But His reign will not be a peaceful one: for you it will be, but not for Him. His throne will be a cross, His royal crest bloody wounds and bruises. No ring upon His finger only a nail through His hand. No shiny crown of gold, just a blood smeared diadem of mat- be a cross, His royal crest bloody wounds and bruises. No ring upon His finger only a

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-23—The Hour Has Come For The Son Of Man To Be Glorified...

Glory is a weird thing when seen through the eyes of the cross. It doesn't have the lust and sheen that one would think. It is much more grisly and hideous and grim. But salvation is like this. It doesn't pretend that sin, the grave, and the devil aren't real. Instead, it sees these enemies for what they are and it does battle with them: battle to the death. The glory of God is the cross. The glorification of the Son of Man is His death upon it. Even today it is the same. The Jews demand signs. Greeks seek wisdom. We preach Christ crucified. We preach that foolish stumbling block of men to be glorified. He is glorified on the cross for you!

SCRIPTURE: John 12:23-50—Now Is The Judgement Of This World...

Now is the time for judgment. All of the sin of the world, all of the death, all of the assaults of the devil, all of the guilt and shame, is it now time for all of that to be judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:57-66—Jesus Dead In The Tomb...

Jesus rests in the tomb. His work is finished. Today He sanctifies the grave. To- morrow He will claim victory over it. This is the promise for you. Where is death's victory? Where is death's sting? It is gone! It is buried deep in the ground with Jesus never to rise again. But Jesus will: He did. And so will you. This is your assurance: that God will keep your bodies in peaceful sleep until He comes again in glory. The stone will be rolled away: it has been. The grave will release you from its grips just like it did Jesus. It must. You are one with the Lord of life! His victory is yours. The grave is open. Death is dead. Sins are forgiven. All is accomplished. It is finished. Easter awaits. Fear not! For this eternal Easter is yours in Christ! —Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!