

**Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission  
Community**

**Prayers for Holy Week**



*“For God so loved the world, that he gave  
his only begotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life.”*

*(John 3; 16)*

# Holy Monday - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026

*“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”*

*(Luke 23; 34)*

*“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”*

*(Ephesians 4; 32)*

## **We Pray For:**

Help to forgive in a situation where we have been hurt

Help to understand others' feelings of hurt or betrayal

Broken relationships

Help to say sorry when we are in need of forgiveness

*Heavenly Father, may I live today as a forgiven person, opening my heart to you.*

*Help us to forgive those who have hurt us and teach us to love unconditionally – Amen.*



# Holy Tuesday - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

*“Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.*

*Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.”*

*(1 Timothy 5; 1-4)*

## ***We Pray For:***

Our own families  
Our Church family

*Heavenly Father, Jesus taught that we should love one another; Bring our families together in love and unity, and teach us to love and respect each other.*

*Show us how to support and encourage each other, and inspire us to work together to become full of your perfect love – Amen.*



# Holy Wednesday – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

*(Mark 15; 34)*

*Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.*

*May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.*

*I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.*

*I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength.*

*I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.*

*But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.*

*Why, Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?*

*(Psalm 88 1-6; 13-14)*

## **We Pray For:**

Those who are unwell

Those who struggle to be heard

Those who suffer

*Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are troubled in any way; praying especially for those who are known to us.*

*Give relief to those in pain, care to those who are alone, and reassurance to those who are in distress.*

*Shine upon all those who are in the darkness of suffering, that in your presence they might find rest & peace – Amen*



# Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

*“I am thirsty.”*

*(John 19; 28)*

*“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

*(John 7; 37-38)*

*Lord, we thank you that your purposes for us are not limited by time & space. Your love for us is not bounded by our selfishness. Your grace reaches out to us even when we deliberately go our own way. Your truth gives us hope even in the darkest times.*

*We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, to us; for His coming to share all that life means to us; for His coming for the fulfilment of your promises; for His walking with us and sharing of our journey.*

*Help us to honour Your name in thought, and word, and deed, and fill us with your Holy Spirit – Amen.*

## **We Pray For:**

Those who are searching for truth

Those who don't yet know Jesus

The Holy Spirit to fill us with living water

*Lord Jesus,*

*In your words, “I am thirsty”, we hear the cry of our own hearts;*

*We are thirsty for You, Lord.*

*Refresh us by your living water, as we yearn for your spirit to fill us. Amen*

# Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

*“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*  
(John 19; 30)

*“For the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.”*

(Luke 23; 45-46)

## **We Pray For:**

Ourselves; that we can truly live in the freedom that Christ has given us

Those who need the new start which is promised by the cross.

*Lord Jesus,  
We thank you for finishing the work that you came to do;  
For you came not only to teach & heal,  
But to save from sin all who trust in you.  
Through your perfect sacrifice,  
Sin is conquered;  
Death is destroyed;  
Mankind is redeemed;  
Heaven is opened.  
You are our hope today, tomorrow, and to the end of time.  
Amen*



# Holy Saturday - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands.”*

*When the Roman Officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, “Certainly this was a righteous man”. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smite their breasts and returned.”*

*(Luke 23; 46 - 48)*

## **We Pray For:**

Those who are close to death  
Those who mourn

*Heavenly Father, we entrust ourselves to you;  
That living or dying,  
Joyful or suffering,  
We may ever be with our Lord Jesus,  
Secure in your eternal care – Amen.*

*“So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water.”*

*(Hebrews 10; 22)*



# Easter Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*“Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

*They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”*

*“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.”*

*(John 20; 11-14)*

*Risen Lord, as You appeared to Mary in the garden, to the disciples in the upper room, to the travellers on the road to Emmaus, be known to us. Be in our homes, in our work and in our journeying.*

*Christ Jesus, risen in glory; scatter the darkness from our hearts and from your world, and let us walk in your presence and peace – Amen.*

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



The cross is a symbol of love, courage & hope.



*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”*

*(Revelation 3; 20)*