

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they rolled away the stone?
Were you there when they rolled away the stone?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they rolled away the stone?

Were you there when he rose up from the grave?
Were you there when he rose up from the grave?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when he rose up from the grave!

American Folk Hymn

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.
In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

From Church of England website - more prayers like this available

Prayer Diary Bolton Parish Church - April 2020



Traditional Easter of lambs, eggs and endless chocolate are replaced this year by thoughts of Coronavirus which threads in and out of much of our prayer. We soon finish the list of things which normally happen in church. Our Holy Week prayers are intended to fit in with Bishop David's Lent Book which many of us have been reading. But there are also links with the concerns and fears Coronavirus has brought. But despite this we will find Easter morning, and our risen Lord ready to meet us and help us face the future.

Wednesday	1st	Local charities we work with eg Bolton Outreach NB See their appeal for help on via the church website
Thursday	2nd	Workmen and others who come to service our building, organ, PA system etc.
Friday	3rd	Thankfulness for so many in society who have been reaching out to people in isolation and fear
Saturday	4th	What you have learnt from Faith Pictures or the Lent Book. (If you have lost track, maybe start it up again for Holy Week?)
Sunday	5th	Palm Sunday - for those who once followed Christ but turned away because of things the Church has done. Those who fear no-one would help if they became ill.
Holy Monday	6th	Ways to grow in faith and support each other while Church meetings are banned. The Church website has ideas - ask someone for copies if you would like
Holy Tuesday	7th	Those who only see Jesus and the church in one particular way - maybe like Judas? Following advice given as the pandemic continues

Holy Weds 8th Those fearful of current dangers from illness or loss of loved ones, needing courage and comfort.

Maundy Thurs 9th For ideas to find 'no-touch' ways to serve and be served as we cannot wash each other's feet

Good Friday 10th Heavenly Father, you saw your Son suffer upon the cross. May we who also gaze on his Passion this day be comforted by the immensity of his love, who died that we might live. Amen (Bishop David's prayer for today)

Holy Saturday 11th Watching for Jesus; watching for the ill

Easter Day 12th Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Maybe sing a verse of a favourite Easter hymn or join in a services on the TV. Keep an eye on our website.

Easter Mon 13th This Easter week we bring to God those trying to bring life during the pandemic - especially the NHS - organisers, and staff welfare.

Easter Tues 14th Front line staff in A/E; wisdom in decisions

Easter Weds 15th Staff working in Intensive Care. Trying to contribute to and learn best practices from other hospitals.

Easter Thurs 16th Staff working in areas outside of their usual expertise. Retired staff brought back after some years

Easter Fri 17th Health staff in the Community - GP surgeries Clinics, Care Homes

Easter Sat 18th Staff worried about themselves and families

Sunday 19th **2nd Sunday of Easter.** Families and friends who are worried or who worry/concern us

Monday 20th Non-medical front line workers in communications, finance, and utilities

Tuesday 21st Fire, police, national security, dock workers

Wednesday 22nd Schools caring for frontline workers' children and youngsters who are vulnerable

Thursday 23rd Those suffering financial hardship, and those trying to meet their needs quickly enough

Friday 24th Medical advisors to the government.

Saturday 25th The attempts to give appropriate advice in a changing situation Our responsibility to follow

Sunday 26th **3rd Sunday of Easter:** A resolution to the Pandemic

Monday 27th The opportunity for governments to extend the benefits to the environment

Tuesday 28th The current situation is likely to have changed since writing this! Pray for those new needs

Wednesday 29th Let's spend the last two days of April remembering the love, hope and joys of Easter and the new life given to us. Pray for yourself, your worries, your exhaustion maybe- then also for a sense of life renewed

and

Thursday 30th