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WEEK SEVEN: Praying the Hours “Holy Week ”

April 15, 2019

God, thank you for who you are! Your faithfulness lasts forever and your mercy never ends. Here we are at the start of this Holy Week, when we as followers of Jesus all around the world reflect on the reality of the cross. And yet, I am distracted by so many things. Open my eyes Lord to the mystery of your suffering and death. Open my ears to the agony of your cries from the cross. Father, open my heart to the vulnerability of your Son as He walked among us. And then may my eyes and ears and heart be filled with wonder as I prepare for His coming again soon! And with this heart of joy, Holy Spirit empower me to walk His way of suffering, and so too share in His resurrection.

(Major April McNeilly)

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Dear Lord, In Galatians 1:10 you cause us to ask the question...“am I now seeking human approval, or God’s approval? Or am I trying to please people?” As you drew closer to the cross you showed to us a steadfast commitment to your ministry of the cross. You did not count the cost. You focused on pleasing your Father and not everyone else around you. Some of us have made sacrifices this Lent to help us reflect upon you and upon your cross (perhaps coffee or chocolate, or even an entire day without eating). Now, as the day of our suffering approaches, help us also to sacrifice our inner selves, the inner compulsions and drives to be liked, to be needed, to be accepted. Help us, like you, to fix our eyes upon Jerusalem. Amen. *(Major Corinne Cameron)*


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“Betrayer.
Close confidant.
Follower.
Friend.
Lord, which one am I?”

(Major Norm Garcia)

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April 18, 2019

“Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek; for unless you instruct me I cannot seek you, and unless you reveal yourself I cannot find you. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you. Let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you.”

(ST. ANSELM (1033–1109))

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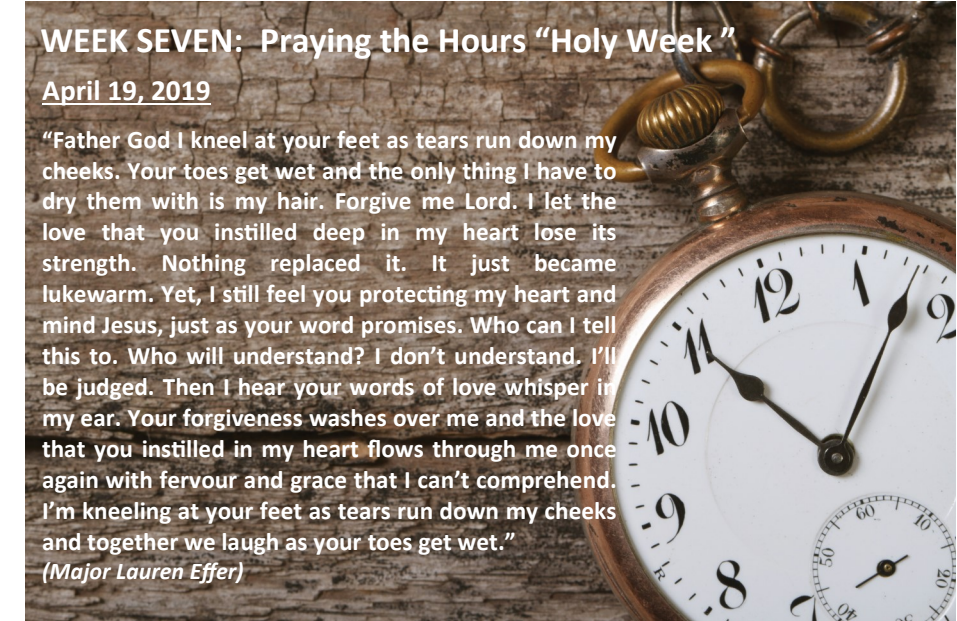
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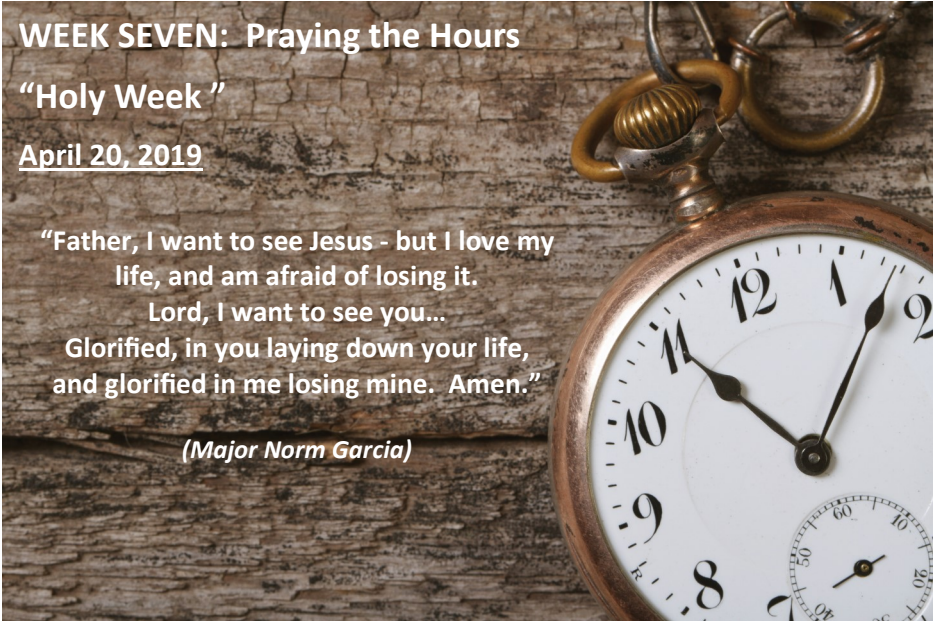


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April 19, 2019

“Father God I kneel at your feet as tears run down my cheeks. Your toes get wet and the only thing I have to dry them with is my hair. Forgive me Lord. I let the love that you instilled deep in my heart lose its strength. Nothing replaced it. It just became lukewarm. Yet, I still feel you protecting my heart and mind Jesus, just as your word promises. Who can I tell this to. Who will understand? I don’t understand. I’ll be judged. Then I hear your words of love whisper in my ear. Your forgiveness washes over me and the love that you instilled in my heart flows through me once again with fervour and grace that I can’t comprehend. I’m kneeling at your feet as tears run down my cheeks and together we laugh as your toes get wet.”

(Major Lauren Effer)



WEEK SEVEN: Praying the Hours “Holy Week ”

April 20, 2019

“Father, I want to see Jesus - but I love my life, and am afraid of losing it.
Lord, I want to see you...
Glorified, in you laying down your life,
and glorified in me losing mine. Amen.”

(Major Norm Garcia)



WEEK SEVEN: Praying the Hours Resurrection Sunday

April 21, 2019

“Hallelujah! You are risen Lord! May we join with your people all over the world declaring your praises today. The life we have, the very air we breathe, is because you live now and forever, filling us with life, hope and love. Amen, amen, amen!”

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