



PRAYER MEETING AT HOME TUESDAY 30th MARCH 2021

7.30pm – 8.30pm

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It would be great if as many of us as possible could set aside this hour to pray together in our homes.

If you can't manage this time or day, please choose a time that works for you.

PREPARE SOME BREAD/BISCUIT AND A DRINK to use part way through this prayer time.

Settle down: Find yourself a quiet spot; grab a Bible, a pen and a piece of paper; a piece of bread/biscuit; a drink of water/wine/juice or tea/coffee ... Ask God to quieten your heart and mind. Mentally put aside the thoughts that are running about in your head. Breathe in and out slowly...

Read, Reflect and Pray...

We will focus on the days leading up to Jesus' death as recorded by Matthew.

Matthew 21:1-11: The Triumphal Entry. The Jews were looking for a powerful leader who they thought would set them free from Roman occupation. Many were to be disappointed. Pray for those who are disappointed in our world today...

Matthew 21:12-13: Turning over the tables in the Temple courts. Jesus was angry at the way the Temple was being used for money-making, excluding many from prayer and worship. Pray for money related issues in our world, and for people who are excluded/marginalised.

Matthew 26:17-30: The Last Supper. Try to imagine what it might have been like to be with Jesus on that night. Read through the passage once. Be silent before God. Read it through again and pause after verse 26 – eat your bread/biscuit. Pause after verses 27-29 – take a sip of your drink. Be silent before God. Pray as you feel led.

Matthew 26:36-45: The Garden of Gethsemane. Thank God for sending Jesus and for Jesus' willingness to fulfil his destiny. Consider how the disciples let Jesus' down. Pray for those who struggle with guilt and carry heavy burdens (perhaps yourself included...)

Matthew 26: 57-67; Matthew 27: 11-26 Jesus' arrest and trial. Pray for those trying to make tough decisions in our churches, in politics, in business and in their personal lives. Pray for hope when times are hard. Give thanks for signs of hope.

Closing prayer:

Lord Jesus, Servant King, as we journey deeper into Holy Week with you, may we live our lives as daily offerings of worship and service, for your name's sake. Amen. *(You may like to read/sing the words of the Graham Kendrick hymn 'Servant King' – see overleaf or below).*

Share: *Over the next few days could you share what you have heard or sensed God saying to you? Perhaps God will speak to many of us about the same thing...*

The Servant King

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

Chorus:

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.
This is our God...

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
This is our God...

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.
This is our God...

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