

PALMER HOME FOR CHILDREN'S

Holy Week Prayer Guide



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*Walking With Jesus. Walking With Children.
Walking With Hope.*

Holy Week gives us a chance to slow down, breathe deeply, and remember the love of Jesus that changes everything. As we follow Him to the cross and into the joy of the resurrection, we're reminded of the children and families we walk alongside every day.

At Palmer Home, we believe that every step Jesus took was for the sake of the vulnerable and we get to join Him in that work. This guide is meant to help you reflect, pray, and remember why the hope of Jesus matters for every child's story.





Palm Sunday

WELCOMING THE KING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:37-44

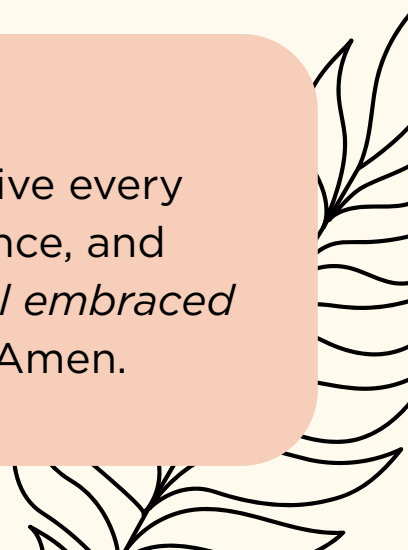
Jesus enters Jerusalem not with force, but with humility. While crowds shout His praise, He weeps for the city, for the lost, for those longing for peace yet unable to find it.

REFLECTION

At Palmer Home, we welcome children who carry stories of uncertainty and fear. As Jesus entered Jerusalem with compassion in His eyes, *we want to welcome each child with that same heart* by creating space where they can breathe, rest, and feel truly seen.

TODAYS PRAYER

Jesus, our welcoming King, open our hearts to receive every child the way You receive us with tenderness, patience, and love. *Let each child who comes to Palmer Home feel embraced by Your peace* and welcomed into a place of hope. Amen.



Wednesday

TRUST IN HARDSHIP

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:1-11

Holy Wednesday is quieter, yet filled with tension. In the shadows of betrayal, an unexpected act of devotion breaks through, a reminder that God is present even when the future feels uncertain.

REFLECTION

Many children know what it feels like to live between uncertainty and peace. *Much of our ministry takes place in those quiet, complex spaces.* We help children trust again, even if the healing is slow and steady, made up of one moment or one conversation at a time.

TODAYS PRAYER

Lord, for every child walking through hardship, grant the courage to trust again. Be close in their questions, steady in their fears, and gentle in their healing. Surround them with people who reflect Your faithfulness. Amen.



Good Friday

SACRIFICIAL LOVE



SCRIPTURE

John 19:16-30

At the cross, Jesus bears the full weight of our sorrow, offering Himself in complete, self-giving love. The passage highlights the fulfillment of Jesus' mission, His compassion even in suffering, and the completion of the work of redemption

REFLECTION

Children often arrive carrying more than their hearts were ever meant to bear. Our calling is to help lift those burdens through presence, compassion, and sacrificial love, mirroring the way Jesus carries us.

TODAYS PRAYER

Crucified Savior, thank You for Your love that carries every burden. For children weighed down by loss, fear, or trauma, bring comfort and healing. Lift what they cannot carry and cover them with Your saving grace. Amen.



Easter Sunday

RESURRECTION HOPE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Here we see first evidence of the resurrection. The stone is rolled away. Darkness gives way to dawn. *In the midst of despair, Hope rises and changes everything.*

REFLECTION

At Palmer Home, resurrection is more than a story—it's the heartbeat of our mission. *We believe every child's story can rise again. New beginnings are possible.* Healing is possible. Hope is possible because Jesus lives.

TODAYS PRAYER

Risen Lord, fill every child with the hope that springs from Your resurrection. Bring new joy, new strength, and new beginnings into their lives. Let them know that because You live, their story can be made new. Amen.



Thank You!

Thank you for walking with us through Holy Week. We are so grateful for your support and prayers!

When children first arrive at Palmer Home, many come with very little. Sometimes just a small bag of clothes. Sometimes no belongings at all. But almost every child arrives carrying something far heavier — uncertainty.

One child recently asked a simple question on their first night: “Will I get to stay?” For children who have experienced instability, that question holds a world of fear. At Palmer Home, we want every child to know the answer is yes.

For over 130 years, Palmer Home has been planting seeds of hope in the lives of vulnerable children. To learn more about how to get involved or to make a donation, please visit www.palmerhome.org

